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Contribution to the Flora of Central-Southern Dhofar (Sultanate of Oman)

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Contributo alla Flora del Dhofar centro-meridionale (Sultanato dell'Oman) — Dal 2000 al 2009 sono state effettuate 10 missioni scientifiche dedicate all'esplorazione floristica del Dhofar centro meridionale (Oman). Le raccolte hanno interessato i litorali sabbiosi, la pianura costiera e numerosi wadis che sboccano nell'Oceano Indiano (da Rachyut, Al Mughsayl, Salalah, Khor Rori, Mirbat, Hadbin fino ad Hasik). Particolare attenzione è stata dedicata all'esplorazione dei versanti monsonici delle montagne (soprattutto Jabal Qara) dove si concentra la maggiore ricchezza floristica e il maggior numero di taxa endemici. Raccolte sono state effettuate anche su Jabal Samhan, la montagna più alta del Dhofar, e nell'area pre-desertica di Wadi Andur, alle spalle di Jabal Samhan. Sono state inoltre indagate quelle aree dove ancor oggi sono presenti i maggiori nuclei di *Boswellia sacra*, l'albero dell'incenso, come Al Mughsayl, Adownib, Aluf, Uyun, Wadi Dowkah e Hasik. Sporadiche esplorazioni sono state effettuate nella vasta area pre-desertica che, oltre Thumrayt, si spinge verso nord fino al confine con l'Arabia Saudita, da Muddy, Al Mathafah, Ginan Bin Nawatish fino a Shisr (l'antica Ubar), Sayh al Kharyat e Dawka. In totale sono state esaminate 233 stazioni di raccolta che nel loro complesso coprono dettagliatamente l'area del Dhofar centro-meridionale. L'elenco floristico riporta 606 taxa di cui alcuni sono segnalati per la prima volta o per l'Oman (17 taxa) o per il Dhofar (13 taxa). Numerose sono le specie endemiche rinvenute (14 endemismi del Dhofar, 35 endemismi regionali: Dhofar/Oman e Yemen) presenti soprattutto sui versanti monsonici delle montagne costiere.

Key words: Flora, Dhofar, Oman.

Dhofar is a large region of the Sultanate of Oman bordering Yemen on the west and extending eastward for about 250 km. The northern boundary of Dhofar spreads into the Ar Rub al Kali, the Saudi Arabian desert, while its southern part faces the Arabian Sea. Some different phytogeographical zones, each one with its peculiar flora and vegetation, may be detected, as described by Radcliffe-Smith (1980), Miller & Morris (1988) and Ghazanfar (1992b, 2003). Local variations of flora and vegetation in Dhofar are the

response to two coexisting main factors: one is the presence of a chain of mountains parallel to the coast and extending eastwards for about 250 km from the Yemen border until the Gulf of Hasik, and the other are the monsoons.

From June to September during the southwest monsoon, the mist and clouds full of rain approaching from the Arabian Sea encounter a natural obstacle that precludes them from going further inland. As a consequence the steep slopes of the coastal moun-

tains facing south (in particular from Jabal Sayk to Jabal Qara) are covered with a luxuriant vegetation of woods, shrubs and grassland. On the other side of the mountains, instead, where the monsoon has little or no effect, the vegetation is sparse with isolated trees and shrubs. The northern sides of the coastal chain slope down gradually to form a stony and arid highland where many wadis have their source and penetrate northward into a vast semi-desert level land interrupted by rounded hillocks. Towards the border with Saudi Arabia the rocky desert changes gradually into a sand desert with high more or less parallel dunes where vegetation is scarce or absent.

The floristic exploration of Dhofar

A. Radcliffe-Smith (1980) was the first botanist to produce a list of Dhofar plants; in 1977 he participated with other researchers to a scientific survey of flora and fauna of Dhofar, supported by the Government of Oman. In the eighties A.G. Miller and M. Morris further enlarged the knowledge of the Dhofar flora with the publication of an important illustrated work (Miller & Morris, 1988) in which the authors treat the plant species not only from the botanical point of view but also describe the medicinal and economical local practices.

New progress in the knowledge of the flora of Oman is due to the work of S. A. Ghazanfar who produced several monographic researches on critical families, genera and species and interesting studies on biodiversity and conservation. She is also the author of the first Flora of Oman, a work in progress of which the first two issues (2003 and 2007) have been published.

Our researches on the flora of Dhofar

From 2000 to 2009 we carried out 10 scientific missions to Dhofar; we explored several habitats, different from the ecological and altitudinal point of view, such as seashores, coastal plains and the distal parts of several wadis ending in the Arabian Sea (from Rachyut, Al Mughasayl, Salalah, Khor Rori, Mirbat, Sath, Hadbin up to Hasik). In particular, many plants were collected on the monsoon slopes of the mountains of central Dhofar (with special reference

to Jabal Qara) and in areas still rich in frankincense trees (*Boswellia sacra*): e.g. Al Mughsayl, Wadi Adownib, Aluf, Uyun, Wadi Dowkah and Hasik. We also collected on the upper part of Jabal Samhan, the highest mountain of Dhofar and on the semi-desert area of Wadi Andur (beyond Jabal Samhan), and explored some other semi-desert environments north to Thumrayt, i.e. Muddy, Al Mathafah, Ginan Bin Nawatish, with sporadic excursions to Shirs (the ancient Ubar), Sayh al Kharyat and Dawkah.

This program has been carried out in cooperation with IMTO (Italian Mission to Oman), supervised by Prof. A. Avanzini (Pisa University) and supported by the Office of the Advisor for Cultural Affairs, Sultanate of Oman (Muscat and Salalah). The Funds PRIN (National Interest Research Projects) of the years 2004 and 2007 and the Tropical Herbarium of Florence University, offered the necessary financial support to this research program.

The specimens collected are now conserved in the Tropical Herbarium of Florence (FT); a complete set of duplicates (about 350 specimens), mounted on Herbarium sheets and identified, was presented to the National Herbarium Natural History Museum (ON) in Muscat.

Collection sites

The collection sites are grouped according to their ecological and/or altitudinal similarities and are marked with the following abbreviations: **L** = littorals and beaches, **CP** = coastal plain and foothills of the escarpment mountains, **LH** = low hills and grasslands up to 500 m on monsoon affected escarpments, **HH** = high hills and grasslands between 500 and 800 m on monsoon affected escarpments, **M** = mountain slopes and grassland above 800 m, **sW** = southwards draining wadis, **nW** = northwards draining wadis and semi-desert areas, **Ha** = dry (no monsoon affected) hills near Hasik, **Wa** = wet areas or mangrove vegetation.

Each abbreviation is followed by a progressive number, which refers to the respective position in the territory (from west to east). The geographical coordinates define each locality and identify the sites where the plants were collected. The maps of figure 1 and 2 show the sites of collection; when those sites are very near to each other, they overlap on the maps and therefore they are indicated in Fig. 1 and 2 with

the same abbreviations and the same numbers, but differentiated by a letter (a, b, c, etc.) both in the list of the collection sites and the following floristic lists. The collection sites are 233 in number, 139 of which

are indicated in Fig. 1 and 2. The number of sites explored was large enough to have exhaustive information on the local distribution of plant species.

List of the collection sites

L = littorals and beaches

- L1 30.09.01. Rakhyut: beach. Alt. 2 m - 16°44.780'N, 53°25.420'E
- L2 a: 24.04.01. Al Mughsayl: beach and rocky outcrops near the sea-water spray. Alt. 10 m - 16°52.500'N, 53°45.980'E - b: 23.09.01. Al Mughsayl: beach in front of the restaurant. Alt. 0-5 m - 16°52.740'N, 53°46.500'E - c: 02.09.02 (idem) - d: 10.09.02 (idem).
- L3 a: 29.04.01. Khor Rori: beach. Alt. 0-5 m - 17°1.830'N, 54°26.370'E - b: 09.09.02 (idem).
- L4 17.09.02. Beach 4 km from Mirbat, towards Salalah. Alt. 0-5 m - 17°1.057'N, 54°40.208'E.
- L5 a: 09.09.02. Mirbat: beach. Alt. 0-5 m - 16°59.262'N, 54°41.193'E - b: 02.03.07 (idem).
- L6 05.03.07. Hasik-Hadbin road: beach, 10 km from Hasik, towards Hadbin. Alt. 0-5 m - 17°21.177'N, 55°17.415'E.
- L7 14.03.05. Hasik: beach. Alt. 4 m - 17°26.770'N, 55°16.050'E.
- L8 a: 15.09.03. Hasik: at the base of the vertical cliffs in front of the Ocean, 6 km east of the village. Alt. 5-10 m - 17°28.566'N, 55°13.806'E - b: 15.03.05 (idem) - c: 20.02.09 (idem).

CP = coastal plain and foothills of the escarpment mountains

- CP1 30.09.01. Woody deep valley behind Rakhyut. Alt. 60 m - 16°45.080'N, 53°24.590'E.
- CP2 a: 27.04.01. Salalah-Al Mughsayl road: rocky hilly slope on the left, 5 km to Al Mughsayl. Alt. 30-100 m - 16°53.750'N, 53°48.950'E - b: 23.09.01 (idem) - c: 02.09.02 (idem).
- CP3 19.03.04. Raysut-Al Mughsayl road: track to Adownib frankincense area, 2 km inland from the crossroads. Alt. 80 m - 16°54.970'N, 53°50.420'E.
- CP4 a: 04.10.01. Raysut: rocky coastal plain and grasslands on the hillocks west of the harbour. Alt. 10-30 m - 16°55.695'N, 53°58.650'E - b: 04.09.02 (idem - 16°55.550'N, 53°59.150'E).
- CP5 a: 13.09.03. Al Balid: inside the archaeological area: sandy brackish ground. Alt. 10 m - 17°0.240'N, 54°7.720'E - b: 14.02.06 (idem - 17°0.315'N, 54°7.900'E).
- CP6 a: 21.09.01. Salalah-Taqa road: hills near Ain Razat. Alt. 40-100 m - 17°7.580'N, 54°14.400' - b:

07.09.02 (idem) - c: 24.03.04 (idem). - d: 28.02.09 (idem).

- CP7 24.09.01. Salalah-Taqa road: at the crossroads to Ayn Hamran. Alt. 50 m - 17°3.330'N, 54°16.540'E.

- CP8 a: 21.10.00. Khor Rori: rocky coastal plain between Sumhuram excavation and the Wadi Darbat bed. Alt. 4-30 m - 17°2.730'N, 54°25.720'E - b: 11.09.03 (idem - 17°2.860'N, 54°26.470'E) - c: 13.09.03 (idem - 17°2.960'N, 54°26.330'E) - d: 18.03.04 (idem).

- CP9 21.10.00. Khor Rori: inside the archaeological site of Sumhuram. Alt. 20 m - 17°2.330'N, 54°26.060'E

- CP10 a: 11.09.03. Khor Rori: top of the hill on the left of the ancient harbour. Alt. 20-25 m - 17°1.610'N, 54°26.620'E - b: 18.03.04 (idem).

- CP11 20.03.04. Wadi Darbat: *Ficus* and *Ziziphus* thickets. Alt. 95 m - 17°5.240'N, 54°26.010'E.

- CP12 22.04.01. Taqa-Mirbat road: rocky and sandy coast, 9 km from Khor Rori. Alt. 5-10 m - 17°2.020'N, 54°31.410'E - b: 29.09.01 (idem).

- CP13 29.09.01. Taqa-Mirbat road: near the first crossroads to Tawi Atayr. Alt. 50 m - 17°3.240'N, 54°25.982'E.

- CP14 12.02.06. Rocky hillocks between Mirbat and Sadh, 11 km from Mirbat. Alt. 56 m - 17°1.220'N, 54°46.130'E.

- CP15 a: 14.03.04. Mirbat-Sadh road: rocky hillocks with *Boswellia sacra*, 5 km in the inland of Sadh. Alt. 70-87 m - 17°5.640'N, 55°3.470'E - b: 22.03.04 (idem - 17°5.520'N, 55°3.550'E) - c: 18.03.05 (idem - 17°5.420'N, 55°3.700'E) - d: 20.02.09 (idem - 17°5.634'N, 55°3.479'E).

- CP16 12.02.06. Rocky hillocks along the road between Sadh and Hadbin, 13 km from Sadh. Alt. 13 m - 17°7.410'N, 55°8.290'E.

- CP17 26.04.01. Sadh-Hadbin track: 16 km from Sadh, rocky plain. Alt. 60 m - 17°9.100'N, 55°8.720'E.

- CP18 26.04.01. Rocky plain near Hadbin. Alt. 10 m - 17°11.840'N, 55°13.140'E.

- CP19 12.02.06. Hadbin-Hasik road: 1.8 km from Hadbin, rocky cliffs at the roadside. Alt. 5 m - 17°12.160'N, 55°13.860'E.

- CP20 12.02.06. Hadbin-Hasik road: 10 km from Hadbin, rocky ground and cliffs at the roadside. Alt. 13 m - 17°16.270'N, 55°14.440'E.

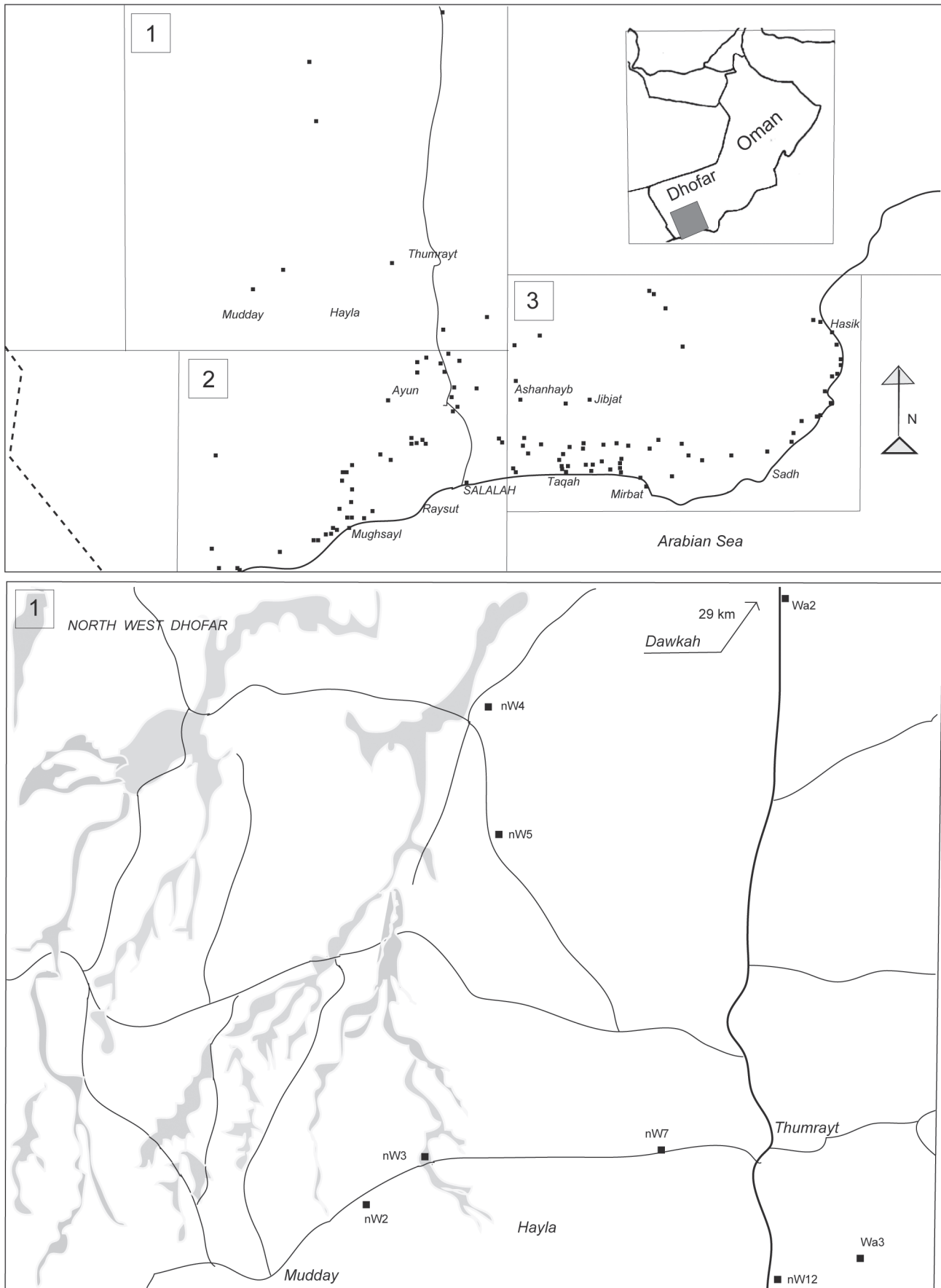


Fig. 1 – Top: Central Southern Dhofar: the study area and the collection sites. Bottom: Collection sites in North West Dhofar.

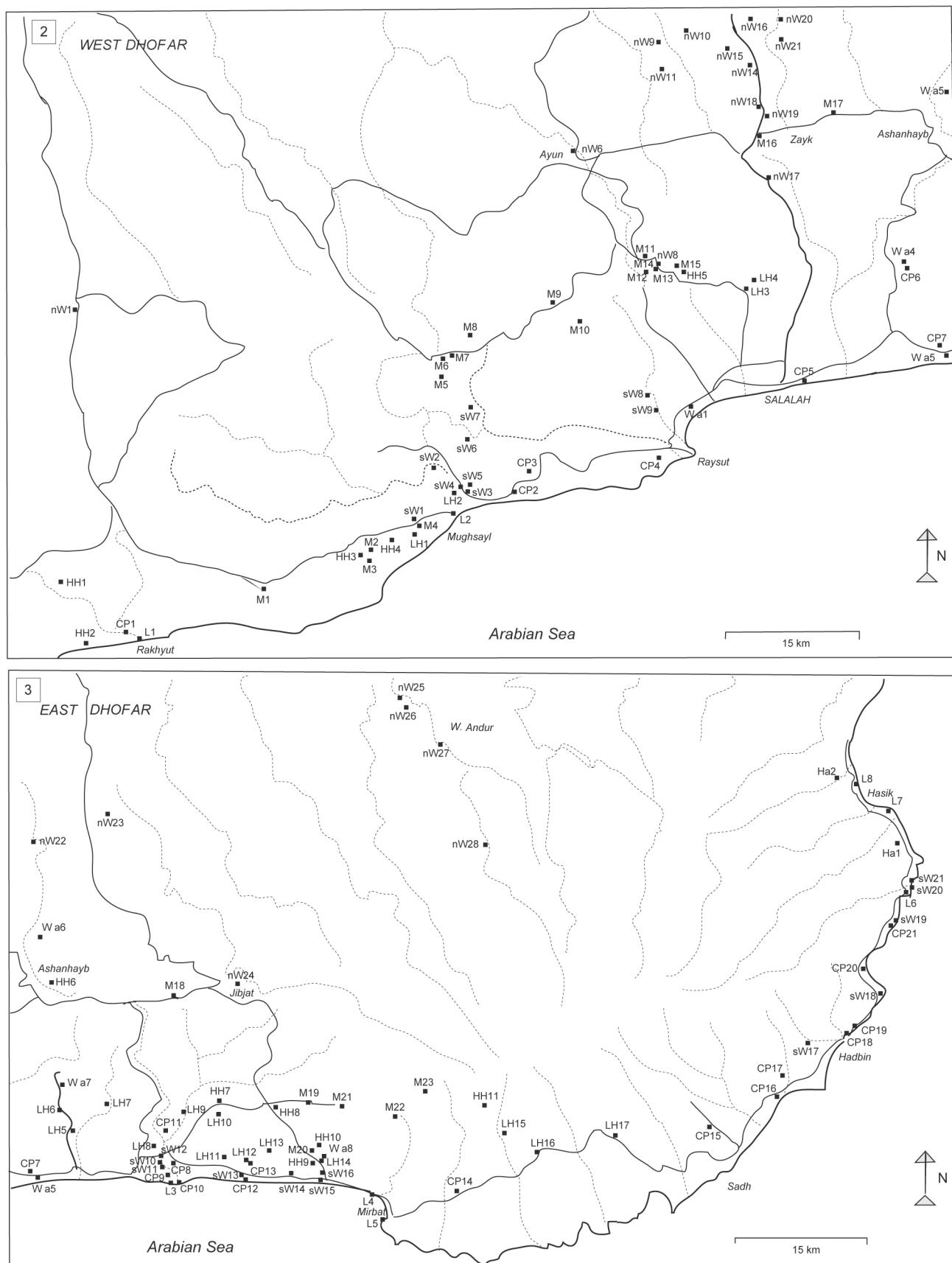


Fig. 2 – Top: Collection sites in West Dhofar. Bottom: Collection sites in East Dhofar.

CP21 12.02.06. Hadbin-Hasik road: 15 km from Hadbin, rocky ground and cliffs at the roadside. Alt. 18 m - 17°19.260'N, 55°16.250'E.

LH: low hills and grasslands up to 500 m on monsoon affected escarpments

LH1 21.04.01. Al Mughsayl-Ajdarawat road: rocky hilly slopes facing the Ocean, 8 km from Al Mughsayl. Alt. 500 m - 16°51.154'N, 53°43.089'E.

LH2 23.09.01. Grasslands, 3 km before Al Mughsayl coming from Salalah. Alt. 200 m - 16°53.630'N, 53°45.600'E.

LH3 a: 26.09.01. Salalah-Thumrayt road: hilly slopes beyond Salalah plain. Alt. 215 m - 17°6.140'N, 54°4.300'E - b: 02.03.07 (idem. Alt. 296 m - 17°6.397'N, 54°4.053'E).

LH4 02.03.07. Hilly slopes above Salalah: Ain Garziz valley. Alt. 172 m - 17°6.615'N, 54°4.767'E.

LH5 02.10.01. Grasslands on the foothills between Salalah and Taqah. Alt. 160 m - 17°5.280'N, 54°19.380'E.

LH6 02.10.01. Hills between Salalah and Taqah. Alt. 330-550 m - 17°6.500'N, 54°18.570'E.

LH7 a: 02.10.01. Salalah-Taqah road: deep valley to Athom Spring, *Anogeissus dhofarica* woods. Alt. 170-310 m - 17°6.910'N, 54°21.860'E - b: 11.09.02 (idem. Alt. 170-300 m - 17°6.290'-54°21.130'E) - c: 24.03.04 (idem. Alt. 230 m - 17°6.830'N, 54°21.840'E) - d: 24.03.04 (idem: at the end of the valley, near the spring. Alt. 235 m - 17°6.940'N, 54°21.800'E) - e: 13.02.06 (idem - 17°5.770'N, 54°20.380'E) - f: 13.02.06 (idem. Alt. 244 m - 17°6.840'N, 54°21.840'E).

LH8 a: 11.09.03. Wadi Darbat: scrubland near the higher edge of the waterfall. Alt. 140 m - 17°4.200'N, 54°25.200'E - b: 13.09.03 (idem).

LH9 29.04.01. Wadi Darbat: above the waterfall, inside the valley along the wadi banks. Alt. 180 m - 17°6.450'N, 54°27.210'.

LH10 06.09.02. Grasslands along the road to Tawi Atayr. Alt. 400 m - 17°6.280'N, 54°29.660'E.

LH11 01.09.02. Salalah-Mirbat road: foothills on the right, 7 km from the crossroads to Khor Rori. Alt. 130-150 m - 17°3.420'N, 54°30.020'E.

LH12 02.10.01. Taqah-Mirbat road: 13 km from Taqah, along the track to Jabal as Shawr. Alt. 103-205 m - 17°3.350'N, 54°31.510'E.

LH13 22.04.01. From Tawi Atayr, going down to the Salalah-Mirbat road. Alt. 450 m - 17°3.900'N, 54°33.040'E

LH14 a: Salalah-Tawi Atayr road: small valley with baobab trees, near Wadi Hinna. Alt. 330 m - 17°3.200'N, 54°36.540'E - b: 11.09.02 (idem).

LH15 16.09.02. Mirbat-Sadh road: 15 km from Mirbat, climbing along the lower course of Wadi Ayn Hilf for about 5 km. Alt. 50-400 m - 17°5.115'N, 54°49.460'E.

LH16 26.04.01. Mirbat-Sadh track: rocky slope 22 km to Sadh. Alt. 125 m - 17°3.850'N, 54°51.690'E.

LH17 26.04.01. Wadi banks along the track between Mirbat and Sadh, 16 km to Sadh. Alt. 305 m - 17°5.100'N, 54°57.220'E.

HH: high hills and grasslands between 500- 800 m on monsoon affected escarpments

HH1 30.09.01. From Rakhjut to the road n.° 47 to Ajdarawat. Thick woodland. Alt. 400-800 m - 16°48.200'N, 53°20.400'E.

HH2 30.09.01. Rakhiut-Ajdarawat road: along the track to Ajdarawat, 8 Km from Rakhyut. Alt. 568 m - 16°44.480'N, 53°22.040'E.

HH3 21.04.01. Salalah- Ajdarawat road: 13 km to Ajdarawat. Alt. 600 m - 16°49.792'N, 53°39.587'E.

HH4 a: 23.09.01. Al Mughsayl-Ajdarawat road: 11 km from Al Mughsayl, going up towards Ajdarawat, rocky slopes facing the Ocean. Alt. 568 m - 16°50.848'N, 53°41.650'E - b: 10.09.02 (idem. Alt. 600-900 m) - c: 27.02.07 (idem. Alt. 700 m) - d: 15.02.06 (idem. Alt. 476- 965 m - 16°51.305'-16°49.785'N, 53°43.275'- 53°39.690'E) - e: 21.02.09 (idem).

HH5 a: 28.04.01. Salalah-Ghadow road: grassland and scrubland 3 km to Ghadow, coming from Salalah. Alt. 630 m - 17°6.780'N, 54°1.630'E - b: 26.09.01 (idem) - c: 26.09.01 (idem, 2 km to Ghadow. Alt. 700 m - 17°7.180'N, 54°0.330'E).

HH6 07.09.02. Grasslands along the road to Ashanhaib, coming from Ain Razat. Alt. 600-700 m - 17°15.030'N, 54°18.050'E.

HH7 22.04.01. Taqah-Tawi Atayr road: climbing to Tawi Atayr, at the roadside - 17°7.130'N, 54°29.740'E

HH8 25.09.01. Sinkhole near Tawi Atayr. Alt. 650 m - 17°6.800'N, 54°33.550'E.

HH9 22.09.01. Salalah-Mirbat road: along the road to Tawi Atayr (3° crossroads). Thick woodland on the top of the hill. Alt. 600 m - 17°3.100'N, 54°36.400'E.

HH10 06.09.02. Salalah-Mirbat road: along the road to Tawi Atayr (3° crossroads). Climbing from the "baobab" valley to the plateau of Tawi Atayr. Alt. 500-700 m - 17°4.300'N, 54°36.580'E.

HH11 17.09.02. Mirbat-Sadh road, 15 km from Mirbat, climbing along the bed of Wadi Ayn Hilf for 10 km, up to the spring below Jabal Samhan. Alt. 500-600 m - 17°7.040'N, 54°48.120'E.

M: mountains slopes and grasslands above 800 m

M1 30.09.01. Al Mugsayl-Ajdarawat road: on the plateau along the road n.°47, near Ajdarawat. Alt. 1064

- m - 16°47.780'N, 53°33.320'E.
- M2** a: 10.09.02. Al Mughsayl-Ajdarawat road: 14 km from Al Mughsayl, along the road n.°47, mountain slope facing the Ocean, in front of the police station, *Dracaena* scrubland. Alt. 965 m - 16°49.785'N, 53°40.006'E - b: 27.02.07 (idem).
- M3** 13.09.02. Al Mughsayl-Ajdarawat road: grassland and scrubland on the mountain slope facing the Ocean, 15 km from Al Mughsayl. Alt. 800-900 m - 16°49.690'N, 53°40.119'E.
- M4** 21.04.01. Al Mughsayl -Ajdarawat road: 7 km from Al-Mughsayl, rocky steep slope at the left roadside, going up to the escarpment facing the Ocean. Alt. 1100 m - 16°51.512'N, 53°43.381'E.
- M5** 01.03.07. Qaftawt-Wanat road: along the mountain ridge, 16 km from Qaftwat, going down 4 km towards the coast facing the Ocean. Alt. 1129 m - 17°0.704'N, 53°44.767'E.
- M6** 01.03.07. Qaftawt-Wanat road: along the mountain ridge, 16 km from Qaftwat, going down 2 km towards the coast facing the Ocean. Alt. 1059 m - 17°1.912'N, 53°44.960'E.
- M7** 01.03.07. Qaftawt-Wanat road: along the mountain ridge, 16 km from Qaftwat, going down 600-700 m towards the coast facing the Ocean. Alt. 1063 m - 17°1.990'N, 53°45.385'E.
- M8** 01.03.07. Qaftawt-Wanat road: along the mountain ridge, 5 km from Ar Raydah. Alt. 1237-1172 m - 17°3.219'-17°2.587'N, 53°48.037'-53°46.618'E.
- M9** 01.03.07. Salalah-Qaftawt road: 3 km from Qaftawt, towards Ar Raydah. Alt. 1078 m - 17°5.223'N, 53°52.025'E.
- M10** a: 01.03.07. Teetaam-Gattawt road: going down 4 km from the mountain ridge. Alt. 933 m - 17°4.169'N, 53°53.643'E - b: 18.02.06 (idem. Alt. 916 m - 17°4.166'N, 53°53.641'E).
- M11** a: 28.04.01. On the top of the plateau between Ghadow and Teetaam, *Olea* woodland. Alt. 976 m - 17°8.170'N, 53°57.860'E - b: 01.10.01 (idem. Alt. 986 m) - c: 19.03.05 (idem. Alt. 936-990 m - 17°8.180'N, 53°57.890'E) - d: 10.02.06 (idem).
- M12** 23.04.01. Teetaam- Ghadow road: on the ridge between the mountain escarpment and the pre-desert. Alt. 810 m - 17°7.190'N, 53°57.930'E.
- M13** 30.04.01. Grassland and scrubland between Ghadow and Teetaam, 6 km from Ghadow. Alt. 850 m - 17°7.230'N, 53°58.640'E.
- M14** 26.09.01. Deep woody valley before Ghadow, coming from Salalah. Alt. 910 m - 17°7.260'N, 53°58.640'E.
- M15** 08.09.02. Grassland on the plateau near Ghadow, coming from Salalah. Alt. 810 m - 17°7.520'N, 53°59.860'E.
- M16** 28.02.07. Salalah-Thumrayt road: near the crossroads to Zayk. Alt. 864 m. 17°15.447'N, 54°5.018'E.
- M17** 27.09.01. Grassland between Ashanhaib and Zayk, 6 km to Zayk. Alt. 850 m - 17°16.910'N, 54°9.880'E.
- M18** 27.09.01. Rocky grassland on the plateau of Jibjat. Alt. 950 m - 17°14.170', 54°26.530'E.
- M19** 25.09.01. Grassland above Tawi Atayr. Alt. 920 m - 17°7.150'N, 54°35.960'E.
- M20** 27.09.01. Climbing to Tawi Atayr, coming from Wadi Hinna. Alt. 906 m - 17°3.920'N, 54°36.110'E.
- M21** 25.09.01. Track between Tawi Atayr and Jabal Samhan, near the drinking trough. Alt. 950 m - 17°6.810'N, 54°38.210'E.
- M22** 25.09.01. Jabal Samhan, going up from Tawi Atayr to the radio station. Alt. 1214 m - 17°6.160'N, 54°41.900'E.
- M23** a: 25.09.01. Jabal Samhan: rocky plateau, going up from the radio station (1214 m) to the mountain ridge (1425 m) - 17°7.860'N, 54°44.000'E - b: 06.09.02 (idem. Alt. 1214-1425 m - 17°6.160'-17°7.860'N, 54°41.890'-54°43.990'E) - c: 27.02.09 (idem - 17°6.158'-17°8.407'N, 54°41.885'-54°45.456'E).
- sW: south-draining wadis**
- sW1** a: 21.04.01. Al Mughsayl-Ajdarawat road: 7 km from Al Mughsayl: Wadi Afal e W. Mughsayl (at the end of the down going road): *Boswellia sacra* scrubland. Alt. 100 m - 16°52.024'N, 53°42.965'E - b: 27.04.01 (idem) - c: 23.09.01 (idem) - d: 10.09.02 (idem. Alt. 50-100 m - 16°53.800'N, 53°43.400'E) - e: 10.09.02 (idem) - f: 19.03.04 (idem. Alt. 70 m - 16°51.900'N, 53°42.889') - g: 11.03.05 (idem. Alt. 30-100 m.) - h: 15.02.06 (idem. Alt. 111 m - 16°52.096'N, 53°42.932'E) - i: 27.02.07 (idem - 16°52.103'N, 53°43.890'E).
- sW2** a: 24.04.01. Al Mughsayl: from the lagoon going up 7 km along Wadi Ashawq. Alt. 70 m. 16°55.250'N, 53°44.320'E - b: 02.09.02 (idem. Alt. 50 m - 16°55.240'N, 53°44.350'E).
- sW3** 19.03.04. Al Mughsayl: from the lagoon going up 1,7 km along Wadi Ashawq up to the pool of standing water and inside the left branch of the wadi. Alt. 50 m. 16°53.760'N, 53°46.390'E.
- sW4** 24.04.01. Al Mughsayl: right tributary of Wadi Ashawq. Alt. 50 m - 16°53.880'N, 53°45.960'E.
- sW5** 02.09.02. Al Mughsayl: Wadi Ashawq: along the right bank, 2,5 km from the crossroads near the Al Mughsayl lagoon. Alt. 36 m - 16°53.840'N, 53°46.350'E.

- sW6** a: 22.10.00. Salalah-Al Mughsayl road: rocky hills of Adownib frankincense area (*Boswellia sacra* scrubland). Alt. 200 - 16°56.781'N, 53°46.450'E - b: 05.09.02 (idem) - c: 11.03.05 (idem. Alt. 180 m - 16°56.910'N, 53°46.410'E) - d: 11.03.05 (idem. Alt. 198 m, on a rocky slope - 16°57.190'N, 53°46.860'E) - e: 17.02.06 (idem. Alt. 161 m, at the bottom of a little valley - 16°56.784'N, 53°46.431'E) - f: 03.03.07 (idem. Alt. 187 m)
- sW7** 03.03.07. From Adownib frankincense area going up 3 km to the hilly slopes of Wadi Adownib. Alt. 371 m - 16°58.795'N, 53°46.655'E.
- sW8** 17.02.06. Wadi to the west of Salalah, 5 km behind Raysut. Alt. 36 m - 16°59.568'N, 53°57.954'E.
- sW9** 16.09.03. Wadi to the west of Salalah, 4 km behind Raysut. Alt. 30 m - 16°58.670'N, 53°58.500'E.
- sW10** a: 09.02.06. Khor Rori: along the Wadi Darbat, between the excavations of Sumhuram and the rocky slopes of the right bank. Alt. 5-16 m - 17°3.080'-17°2.720'N, 54°25.530'-54°25.730'E - b: 26.02.07 (idem).
- sW11** 29.09.01. Khor Rori: coastal plain and bed of Wadi Darbat, on the right of the excavations of Sumhuram. Alt. 5 m - 17°2.680'N, 54°25.740'E.
- sW12** a: 01.09.02. Salalah-Khor Rori road: dry bed of Wadi Darbat, on the right of the road, before the crossroads to Khor Rori. Alt. 10 m - 17°3.160'N, 54°25.600'E - b: 09.02.06 (idem. Alt. 13 m - 17°3.080', 54°25.530'E).
- sW13** a: 20.10.00 Khor Rori-Mirbat road: wadi bed and coastal plain 9 km east of Khor Rori towards Mirbat. Alt. 1-10 m - 17°2.020'N, 54°31.326'E - b: 01.09.02 (idem. Alt. 25 m - 17°2.220'N, 54°31.300'E - c: 26.02.07 (idem) - 17°2.012'N, 54°31.514'E) - d: 26.02.07 (idem. Alt. 1-10 m) 17°2.214'N, 54°31.514'E.
- sW14** 22.04.01. Salalah-Mirbat road: wadi between Khor Rori and Mirbat, 15 km from Khor Rori. 17°2.460'N, 54°34.610'E.
- sW15** 22.04.01. Khor Rori-Mirbat road: bed of Wadi Hinna, 18 km from Khor Rori. Alt. 15 m - 17°2.053'N, 54°36.580'E.
- sW16** a: 22.09.01. Khor Rori-Mirbat road: going up to Tawi Atayr, baobab trees in the bed of Wadi Hinna. Alt. 100 m - 17°2.440'N, 54°36.660'E) - b: 20.03.04. Wadi Hinna: *Adenium* scrubland on the left bank of the wadi - Alt. 45 m - c: 13.03.05 (idem. Alt. 33 m) - d: 13.03.05 (idem. Alt. 40 m) - e: 09.02.06 (idem) - f: 19.02.09 (idem. Alt. 18 m - 17°2.296'N, 54°36.430'E).
- sW17** 12.02.06. Wadi along the road Sath-Hadbin, 5 km to Hadbin. Alt. 50 m - 17°11.080'N, 55°10.360'E.
- sW18** a: 12.02.06. Wadi along the road Hadbin-Hasik, 7 km from Hadbin. Alt. 18 m - 17°14.590'N, 55°15.640'E - b: 05.03.07 (idem) - c: 20.02.09 (idem).
- sW19** 18.03.05. Wadi along the road Hadbin-Hasik, 16 km from Hadbin. Alt. 20-100 m - 17°19.360'N, 55°16.690'E.
- sW20** 18.03.05. Wadi along the road Hadbin-Hasik, 20 km from Hadbin. Alt. 20-90 m - 17°21.940'N, 55°17.490'E.
- sW21** 12.02.06. Wadi along the road Hadbin-Hasik, 10 Km to Hasik. Alt. 25 m. - 17°22.090'N, 55°17.530'E.
- nW: north-draining wadis and semi-desert areas**
- nW1** 13.09.02. Aybut-Hayrun road: semi-desert plateau with rocky hillocks and gullies near Hayrun. Alt. 840 m - 17°4.928'N, 53°21.298'E.
- nW2** 13.09.02. Thumrayt-Mudday road: bed and banks of Wadi Banar, 60 km from Thumrayt. Alt. 450 m - 17°34.500'N, 53°28.500'E.
- nW3** 25.02.09. Thumrayt-Mudday road: bed of Wadi Ghadur, 50 km from Thumrayt. Alt. 499m - 17°37.857'N, 53°33.526'E.
- nW4** 28.09.01. Semi-desert area near the ancient citadel of Ubar (Shisr). Alt. 350 m - 18°15.230'N, 53°38.850'E
- nW5** 28.09.01. Semi-desert area near Ginan Bin Nawatish. Alt. 360 m - 18°4.687'N, 53°39.845'E.
- nW6** a: 23.04.01. Uyun pool, wadi with permanent water. Alt. 730 m - 17°14.800'N, 53°53.330'E - b: 01.10.01 (idem) - c: 19.03.05 (idem. Alt. 700 m - 17°14.790'N, 53°53.320'E) - d: 10.02.06 (idem. Alt. 697 m - 17°14.780'N, 53°53.320'E).
- nW7** 13.09.02. Thumrayt-Al Mathafah road: semi-desert plateau, 14 km from Thumrayt. Alt. 400-450 m - 17°39.055'N, 53°54.094'E.
- nW8** 30.04.01. Wadi between Ghadow and Teetan. Alt. 850 m. - 17°7.230'N, 53°58.640'E.
- nW9** 23.04.01. Salalah-Thumrayt road: along the track to Haluf, rocky plateau, 1.7 km before Haluf. Alt. 700 m - 17°21.400'N, 53°58.880'E.
- nW10** 08.09.02. Salalah-Thumrayt road: along the track Haluf-Uyun, rocky plateau. Alt. 600 m - 17°22.310'-17°19.690'N, 54°0.480'-53°59.040'E.
- nW11** 10.02.06. Rocky slopes on the plateau Haluf-Uyun. Alt. 718 m - 17°19.670'N, 53°59.050'E.
- nW12** 23.04.01. Salalah-Thumrayt road: semi-desert plain 20 Km before Thumrayt. Alt. 580 m - 17°28.178'N, 54°02.996'E.
- nW13** 12.09.02. Thumrayt-Dawkah road: semi-desert plain along the road, 29 km to Dawkah. Alt. 220 m - 18°24.316'N, 54°3.740'E.
- nW14** a: 23.10.00. Salalah-Thumrayt road: 42 km from

- Salalah, Wadi Dowkah Frankincense Park (numerous old *Boswellia* plants). Alt. 650-680 m - 17°20.080'N, 54°4.500'E - **b**: 23.04.01 (idem) - **c**: 28.09.01 (idem) - **d**: 08.09.02 (idem - 17°20.170'-17°20.080'N, 54°4.450'-54°4.500'E) - **e**: 14.09.02 (idem) - **f**: 12.09.02 (idem - 17°19.600'-17°21.500'N, 54°3.010'-54°5.000'E) - **g**: 10.09.03 (idem) - **h**: 12.09.03 (idem) - **i**: 21.03.04 (idem) - **l**: 25.03.04 (idem - 17°20.010'N, 54°44.680'E) - **m**: 12.03.05 (idem) - **n**: 11.02.06 (idem, inside the transplanting area of the Park. 17.20.334'N, 54°4.528'E) - **o**: 28.02.07 (idem - 17°20.085'N, 54°4.500'E)
- nW15** 10.02.06. North boundary of Wadi Dowkah Park. Alt. 649 m - 17°21.200'N, 54°3.210'E.
- nW16** 04.03.07. 5 Km north of Wadi Dowkah Park, towards Thumrayt: rocky plain 1 km east of the road. Alt. 630 m. - 17°23.018'N, 54°4.548'E.
- nW17** 23.10.00. Salalah-Thumrayt road: wadi bed and rocky slopes 25 km north of Salalah. Alt. 700 m - 17°13.060'N, 54°5.580'E.
- nW18 a**: 27.09.01 Salalah-Thumrayt road: gullies near Aqabat al Hatab, 35 km from Salalah, rocky slopes 3,5 km from the police station. Alt. 743 m - 17°17.570'N, 54°5.200'E - **b**: 28.09.01 (idem) - **c**: 03.09.02 (idem. Alt. 720 m - 17°17.600'N, 54°5.200'E) - **d**: 08.09.02 (idem) - **e**: 14.09.02 (idem. Alt. 730 m - 17°17.580'N, 54°5.210'E).
- nW19 a**: 23.04.01. Salalah-Thumrayt road: gullies near Aqabat al Hatab, 33 km from Salalah, rocky slopes 2 km further on the police station. Alt. 700 m. 17°17.053'N, 54°5.610'E - **b**: 21.03.04 (idem. Alt. 715 m - 17°17.130'N, 54°5.490'E) - **c**: 11.02.06 (idem. Alt. 730 m - 17°17.120'N, 54°5.490'E).
- nW20 a**: 11.02.06. Salalah-Thumrayt road: 6 km north-east of Wadi Dowkah Park: rocky plain and hillocks near the ancient frankincense store at Wadi Sahnut. Alt. 616-629 m - 17°23.080'N, 54°6.270' - **b**: 04.03.07 (idem. Alt. 617 m - 17°22.946'N, 54°6.291'E).
- nW21** 04.03.07. Salalah-Thumrayt road: 4 km north-east of Wadi Dowkah Park, along the bed of Wadi Sahnut. Alt. 642 m - 17°21.759'N, 54°6.562'E.
- nW22** 23.10.00. Wadi along the track Thumrayt-Rabkut, 16 km south of Rabkut. Alt. 578 m - 17°24.400'N, 54°16.740'E.
- nW23** 14.09.03. Wadi Dhahabun: along the track to Jibjat, 17 km from Dhahabun. Alt. 600 m - 17°26.240'N, 54°21.890'E.
- nW24** 14.02.06. Wadi along the track Jibjat- Barbazum, 2 km before Jibjat. Alt. 942 m - 17°15.010'N, 54°30.876'E.
- nW25 a**: 14.09.03. From Barbazum to Wadi Andur, near the pool of standing water of Wadi Andur. Alt. 500 m - 17°34.190'N, 54°42.230'E - **b**: 17.03.05 (idem).
- nW26** 17.03.05. Wadi Andur: rocky hills along a tributary wadi of Wadi Andur, southwards for 2 km from the pool of standing permanent water (nW25). Alt. 500 m ca. 17°33.630'N, 54°42.700'E.
- nW27** 14.02.06. Wadi Andur: rocky bed of a tributary wadi of Wadi Andur, southwards for about 10 km from the pool of standing water(nW25a) . Alt. 558 m - 17°34.224'-17°31.085'N, 54°42.171'-54°45.050'E.
- nW28** 14.09.03. From the pool of standing water of Wadi Andur (nW25a) for about 22 km to the northern slopes of Jabal Samhan. Alt. 750 m - 17°24.342'N, 54°48.137'E.
- Ha: dry (no monsoon affected) hills near Hasik (east Dhofar)**
- Ha1 a**: 15.03.05. Hadbin-Hasik road: rocky hills with *Boswellia sacra*, 3 km before Hasik. Alt. 100-500 m - 17°24.550'-17°24.860'N, 55°16.150'-55°16.830'E - **b**: 16.02.06 (idem. Alt. 56-400 m - 17°24.710'-17°24'870"N, 55°16.940'- 55°16'530"E) - **c**: 05.03.07 (idem. Alt. 10-350 m - 17°24.870'-17°24.710'N, 55°16.530'-55°15.940'E).
- Ha2** 23.03.04. Hasik: rocky hills with *Boswellia sacra*, 9 Km east of the village. Alt. 100-475 m - 17°29.680'-17°28.962'N, 55°12.345'-55°12.610'E.
- Wa: wet areas or mangrove vegetation**
- Wa1 a**: 04.10.01. Salalah: along the road to Raysut, mangrove vegetation of Khawar Al Qurum Al Saghir (near the Hilton Hotel) Alt. 0-3 m - 16°58.840'N, 54°0.784'E - **b**: 05.09.02 (idem).
- Wa2** 28.09.01. Thumrayt-Dawkah road: 1 km to Dawkak, near a salty pool. Alt. 237 m - 18°39.610'N, 54°4.390'
- Wa3** 23.10.00. Wet area along the track Thumrayt-Dhahabun. Alt. 520 m - 17°30.014'N, 54°11.004'E.
- Wa4** 07.09.02. Salalah-Mirbat road: spring of Ain Razat. Alt. 80 m - 17°7.800'N, 54°14.200'E.
- Wa5** 13.02.06. Mangrove vegetation along the Salalah-Khor Rori road, 14 km from Salalah. Alt. 1-3 m - 17°2.050'N, 54°17.020'E.
- Wa6** 23.10.00. Rocky semi-desert plateau north of Ashanhaib: spring and wet area at the base of a rocky cliff. Alt. 840 m - 17°18.150'N, 54°17.220'E.
- Wa7** 24.09.01. Wet area at Sahalnawt, near Salalah - 17°8.182'N, 54°18.702'E
- Wa8** 02.10.01. Salalah-Mirbat road: track to Tawi Atayr (3° crossroads): wet area inside the baobab valley of Wadi Hinna. Alt. 330. - 17°3.216'N, 54°36.591'E.

FLORISTIC LIST

The list is subdivided in Pteridophyta, Gymnospermae, Angiospermae (Dicotyledones and Monocotyledones). To facilitate the consultation, families, genera, species and subspecies are arranged in alphabetical order. Abbreviations of the names of authors of plant names are standardized according to Brummit & Powell (1992).

PTERIDOPHYTA

ADIANTHACEAE

Adiantum capillus-veneris L. - LH14a; HH11.

Adiantum philippense L. - LH(7b, 12b); HH(1, 10).

Negripteris scioana (Chiov.) Pic.-Serm. - L2d; CP6a; LH3a; HH9; M14; sW(6b, 11); nW18d.

HYPODEMATIACEAE

Hypodematum crenatum (Forssk.) Kuhn - CP1; M(14, 19).

PARKERIACEAE

Ceratopteris cornuta (P.Beauv.) Le Prieur - LH14a; Wa7.

PTERIDACEAE

Pteris vittata L. - LH14a; HH11.

SELAGINELLACEAE

Selaginella imbricata (Forssk.) Spring ex Decne. - M2a.

GYMNOSPERMAE

EPHEDRACEAE

Ephedra foliata Boiss. ex C.A.Mey - nW(18d, 19c, 21); Wa6.

ANGIOSPERMAE (DICOTYLEDONES-MAGNOLIOPSIDA)

ACANTHACEAE

Asystasia gangetica (L.) T.Anderson - Wa8.

Barleria acanthoides Vahl - LH17; sW(2b, 9).

Barleria hochstetteri Nees ex DC. - CP(2b, 6a); LH(9, 12, 14).

Barleria parviflora R.Br. ex T.Anderson - HH4b; M1; sW(1d, 1e); Ha1a - First record from Oman.

Barleria proxima Lindau - L2d; CP(2b, 8b, 6a); HH(4b, 4e); nW(17, 18a, 18c); M23b; nW14m; Wa6.

Barleria almughsaylensis Mosti, Raffaelli & Tardelli - CP2a; HH4e; M2b; sW1h (*locus classicus*) - Endemic to Dhofar (Mosti et al., 2011). - (Fig. 3d).

Bentia fruticulosa Rolfe - CP(6a, 11); HH11 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & Yemen (Hadramaut) (Miller & Morris, 1988).

Blepharis dhofarensis A.G.Mill. - CP(2a, 2b); HH(4e, 8); M13 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Blepharis scindica T.Anderson - L5a; CP(4b, 10a, 14); LH(11, 16); sW(2a, 2b, 6a, 6b); nW(14d, 14e, 25a, 25b, 27, 28); Ha1a - Syn.: *B. linariifolia* Pers.

Dyschoriste dalyi A.G.Mill. - HH(4b, 5a, 6, 9); M(1, 11b, 18, 17, 23b); nW(14d, 18d) - Endemic to Dhofar (Miller & Morris, 1988; Ghazanfar, 1992a).

Hypoestes forskalei (Vahl) Solander ex Roem. & Schult. - LH7f; HH5c; M(1, 11a, 13).

Justicia calyculata Defflers - CP(6a, 11); HH11 - Syn.: *Bentia fruticulosa* Rolfe.

Justicia diffusa Willd. - LH7f; HH(5c, 6, 11); M(3, 23b); sW(2b, 6a, 6f); nW(14i, 18b) - (Thulin et al., 2001: also Yemen).

Justicia heterocarpa T.Anderson - LH3a; M18; Wa7.

Justicia odora (Forssk.) Lam. - HH11; M(14, 23b).

Lepidagathis calycina Hochst. ex Nees - LH(11, 14); HH4c.

Megalochlamys violacea (Vahl) Vollesen - CP(2b, 2c); LH(3a, 6, 8b, 14); M1; sW1a; nW18b; M1 - Syn.: *Ecbolium violaceum* (Vahl) Hillc. & J.R.Wood.

Monechma debile (Forssk.) Nees - LH(5, 12, 14); sW16a - Syn.: *Justicia debilis* (Forssk.) Vahl.

Neuracanthus robecchii (Lindau) C.B.Clarke subsp. *attratus* Bidgood & Brummitt - CP(2b, 4a, 4b, 8b); HH(4b, 4c); M23c; sW(3, 6a, 6b, 9, 16).

Peristrophe paniculata (Forssk.) Brummitt - CP2b; LH2.

Ruellia discifolia Oliv. - HH(1, 4a, 4b); M4; sW(1d, 2b, 6a, 8, 16a); nW6a - Syn.: *R. longiflora* Vahl.

Ruellia patula Jacq. s. l. - CP2c; LH(3a, 8b); HH1; sW(1d, 2b).

Rungia pectinata Nees - LH(3a, 6, 7f), M11d - Syn.: *R. parviflora* Nees (Thulin et al., 2001: also Yemen).

Ruttya fruticosa Lindau - LH6; HH(8, 9); M14.

AIZOACEAE (INCL. MOLLUGINACEAE)

Aizoon canariense L. - L(2c, 5a); CP(4a, 10a, 12); LH12; sW18c; nW(14d, 18c).

Corbichonia decumbens (Forssk.) Exell - LH 15; sW(19, 20).

Glinus lotoides L. - sW(12a, 12b); Wa4.

Trianthemum sp. - sW12a; nW28; Ha1a - Incomplete specimens.

Zaleya pentandra (L.) C.Jeffrey - L1; CP(5a, 6a, 16) - Ruderal, disturbed areas.

AMARANTHACEAE

Achyranthes aspera L. - CP6a; LH(7b, 8a, 14); HH9; M11b; sW12a; nW(14d, 18e) - Ruderal, disturbed areas.

Aerva artemisioides Viehr. & O.Schwartz subsp. *batharctica* A.G.Mill. & J.A.Nyberg - L8a; CP17; sW20; nW(23, 27); Ha(1a, 1c, 2) - Endemic to Dhofar (Miller, 1996; Ghazanfar, 2003).

- Aerva javanica** (Burm. f.) Juss. ex Schult. - CP(2b, 4a, 4b, 8b, 10b, 14, 15a, 15d); LH(2, 15, 17); sW(1a, 1b, 2a, 3, 6a, 6b, 6f, 9, 13a, 13b, 16a, 19, 20, 21); nW(14d, 18b, 25b, 26, 27).
- Alternanthera pungens** Kunth. - CP6a; LH2; M1; sW1d.
- Amaranthus dubius** Thell. - nW18c - First record from Dhofar.
- Amaranthus graecizans** L. subsp. **graecizans** - M23b; sW20; nW(14e, 18a); Ha1b.
- Amaranthus graecizans** L. subsp. **silvestris** (Vill.) Henkels - CP4b; LH12; sW12a; nW(18a, 18e).
- Amaranthus hybridus** L. subsp. **hybridus** - sW12a, nW14d.
- Amaranthus viridis** L. - sW12a.
- Celosia trigyna** L. - sW12a.
- Digera muricata** (L.) Mart. subsp. **muricata** - CP(1, 4b, 6a, 8b); LH8a; sW(5, 12a, 16); nW(14d, 14e, 18c).
- Psilotrichum virgatum** C.C.Towns. - sW(1b, 1c, 1f); Ha1a.
- Pupalia lappacea** (L.) A.Juss. var. **velutina** (Moq.) Hook. f. - CP(2c, 4b, 6a); LH8a; HH(1, 11); M2b; sW(1b, 2a, 2b, 8, 9).
- ANACARDIACEAE
- Lannea malifolia** (Chiov.) Sacleux - CP13; LH12; M4; sW(3, 6f).
- Pistacia chinensis** Bunge subsp. **falcata** (Becc. ex Martelli) Rech.f. - HH(4d, 4e); M 22.
- Rhus somalensis** Engl. - HH(4c, 4e); M(10a, 19, 20, 23b, 23c); nW8.
- APIACEAE (UMBELLIFERAE)
- Ammi majus** L. - LH(6, 10); M(1, 17, 18, 19); sW(12a, 16); nW(14a, 14d, 17, 18c, 18e).
- Adenosciadium arabicum** (T.Anderson) H.Wolff - CP6a; HH8; sW(1b, 1d, 12a, 20); nW19c; Ha1a.
- Pimpinella schweinfurthii** Asch. - LH(3a, 6, 10); HH(1, 5a, 10); M(11b, 18); sW16a.
- Pycnocycla aucheriana** Decne. ex Boiss. - Ha (1a, 2) - Flowers white, calyx densely pubescent and bracts exceeding the umbel - First record from Dhofar.
- APOCYNACEAE (INCL. ASCLEPIADACEAE)
- Adenium obesum** (Forssk.) Roem. & Schult. - CP(2c, 3); HH4b; M23b; sW(16c, 16e, 16f); nW17.
- Carissa spinarum** L. - HH5c; M23a - Syn.: *C. edulis* (Forssk.) Vahl.
- Calotropis procera** (Aiton) W.T.Aiton - sW13a; nW2 - Ruderal, disturbed areas.
- Caralluma edulis** (Edgew.) Benth. et Hook. - sW5 - Syn.: *Caudanthera edulis* (Edgew.) Meve & Liede - Second record from Oman.
- Desmidorchis adenensis** (Deflers) Meve & Liede - CP2a; sW(1e, 1f, 1h) - Syn.: *Caralluma adenensis* (Deflers) Berger - A rare, endangered species found only in a few localities - Regional endemic: Oman & Yemen (Meve & Liede, 2002; Pilbeam, 2010).
- Desmidorchis flava** (N.E.Br.) Meve & Liede - sW(6f, 16c, 16e, 16f); nW(18a, 18c, 18e); Ha1a - Syn.: *Caralluma flava* N.E.Br. - Regional endemic: Oman & Yemen (Meve & Liede, 2002; Pilbeam, 2010).
- Desmidorchis tardellii** Mosti & Raffaelli - CP(4a, 4b); LH17 (*locus classicus*); sW(8, 9) - Endemic to Dhofar (Mosti & Raffaelli, 2004).
- Desmidorchis** cf. **flava/tardellii** - CP(8d, 14); sW(10a, 10b, 13a) - Specimens of doubtful identification: flowers lacking.
- Echidnopsis scutellata** A.Berger subsp. **dhofarensis** Bruyns - nW(17, 18a, 18d, 19c); M9 - Syn.: *Echidnopsis planiflora* Bally - Endemic to Dhofar (Bruyns, 1988; Pilbeam, 2010).
- Glossonema varians** (Stocks) Benth. ex Hook f. - CP10a; M3; nW(14i, 18c).
- Gomphocarpus fruticosus** (L.) R.Br. - M(1, 11b, 19); nW17.
- Leptadenia pyrotechnica** (Forssk.) Decne. - nW(5, 16, 19b).
- Monolluma quadrangula** (Forssk.) Plowes - LH11; M(2, 23a, 23b, 23c) - Syn.: *Caralluma quadrangula* (Forssk.) N.E.Br. - Endemic to Oman, Saudi Arabia and Yemen (Pilbeam, 2010).
- Nerium oleander** L. - CP8a - Culta.
- Orbea luntii** (N.E.Br.) Bruyns - M22 - Syn. *Caralluma luntii* N.E.Br., *Pachycymbium luntii* (N.E.Br.) M.G.Gilbert - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen (Raffaelli et al., 2008).
- Orbea nardii** Raffaelli, Mosti & Tardelli - M3 (*locus classicus*) - Endemic to Dhofar (Raffaelli et al., 2008; Mosti & Raffaelli, 2011).
- Pentatropis bentii** (N.E.Br.) Liede - Ha(1b, 1c) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & Yemen (Raffaelli et al., 2008).
- Pentatropis nivalis** (J.F.Gmel.) D.V.Field & J.R.I.Wood - nW(20a, 20b) - Syn.: *Pentatropis spiralis* Auct. (non Decne.).
- Pergularia daemia** (Forssk.) Chiov. - CP6c, LH8b.
- Pergularia tomentosa** L. - L8a; CP16; LH15; sW(1b, 1c, 12b); nW7.
- Periploca aphylla** Decne. - nW16.
- Periploca visciformis** (Vatke) K.Schum. - HH4e; M(8, 22); sW(1b, 2a, 2b); nW(14d, 20a, 22).
- Raphionacme arabica** A.G.Mill. & Biagi - Wa8.
- Rhazya stricta** Decne. - nW(7, 13, 27).
- Rhytidocaulon fulleri** Lavranos & Mortimer - sW9 - A rare, endangered species - Regional endemic: Oman & Yemen (Lavranos & Mortimer, 1970; Pilbeam, 2010).
- Sarcostemma viminale** (L.) R.Br. - HH4e; nW(14a, 17, 19c).

ARISTOLOCHIACEAE

Aristolochia bracteolata Lam. - sW(8, 9, 11, 12a, 16d) - Syn.: *A. bracteata* Retz.

ASTERACEAE (COMPOSITAE)

Atractylis kentrophyloides (Baker) F.G.Davies - M22b.

Bidens biternata (Lour.) Merr. & Scherff - CP6a; LH(7b, 8a); HH(5a, 6, 10); sW(2b, 8d); nW18c.

Blepharispermum hirtum Oliv. - CP6a; LH(6, 13, 14); HH(1, 9) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Blumea axillaris (Lam.) DC. - LH12; HH5c - Syn.: *Conyza axillaris* Lam., *Blumea lacera* (Burm. f.) DC. - First record from Oman.

Centaurea dhofarica Baker - L2b.

Centaurea pseudosinaica Czerep. subsp. *niebuhrii* Wagenitz - nW(14a, 14d, 14e, 20b).

Dicoma schimperi (DC.) Baill. ex O.Hoffm. - sW(1c, 1e, 1i, 5, 6a, 6f, 20); nW(1, 3); Ha(1a, 2) - Syn.: *Hochstetteria schimperi* DC.

Doellia bovei (DC.) Anderb. - HH11; nW(25a, 28) - Syn.: *Blumea bovei* (DC.) Vatke.

Echinops spinosissimus Freyn - nW6a - First record from Dhofar.

Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. - LH(8a, 9, 10); HH10; sW(11, 12a); nW18c; Wa8 - Syn.: *E. alba* (L.) Hassk. (Beentje, 2006).

Erigeron bonariensis L. - M11b - Syn.: *Conyza bonariensis* (L.) Cronq.

Erigeron trilobus (Decne.) Boiss. - HH(4e, 8a); M(1, 11a, 11b, 15); nW6c - Syn.: *Conyza stricta* Willd.

Helichrysum somalense Baker f. - LH(6, 11); HH(4b, 4e); M(1, 8, 11b, 23b); sW1d; nW(14l, 17, 18a, 18c, 18e); Ha2 - The specimens in LH6, M11b, nW(17, 18a) have leaves up to 25 mm long and 11 mm wide (vs 15 mm and 4,5 mm max according to Beentje, 2006); the inflorescences have more than 10 heads.

Iphiona scabra DC. ex Decne. - sW(18a, 18c); nW(3, 7, 13, 14b, 14c, 14e, 27).

Iphiona senecionoides (Baker) Anderb. - L8c; CP14; sW(1b, 1i, 2a, 2b, 12a, 13a, 13b); nW(10, 14d, 14m, 27); Ha1a - Syn.: *Grantia senecionoides* Baker.

Iphiona teretifolia Anderb. - nW(20a, 21) - First record from Oman - Found up to now only in a restrict area of Yemen (Anderberg, 1985) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & Yemen - (Fig. 3a).

Kleinia odora (Forssk.) DC. - CP14; HH4e; M12; nW(17, 18a, 19b); Ha1.

Kleinia saginata P.Halliday - M23b; nW(17, 19b) - Endangered species, known only from few localities - Endemic to Dhofar (Miller & Morris, 1988).

Launaea almahrahensis N.Kilian - nW14d.

Launaea castanosperma F.G.Davies - L3b; sW(1b, 1d, 13a); nW(10, 19b, 20b, 26).

Launaea crassifolia (Balf. f.) C.Jeffrey - CP(2b, 2c, 4b, 6a); LH(3a, 6, 8b, 14); HH(1, 8a, 8b, 9, 14); sW(1d, 2b, 16a); nW(14m, 18c, 18d); Ha1a.

Launaea intybacea (Jacq.) Beauverd - CP5a.

Launaea massauensis (Fresen.) Sch.Bip. ex Kuntze - CP2c; LH5; sW(1c, 1d); nW(14d, 18a, 18c, 19c).

Launaea sp. plur. - CP14, M18 - Incomplete specimens.

Parthenium hysterophorus L. - LH8a; M(11a, 11b); sW9; nW6c - Pantropical.

Pegolettia senegalensis Cass. - M22b.

Pluchea arabica (Boiss.) Qaiser & Lack - LC8, CP(2a, 2b, 16, 17); LH13; M11c, sW(3, 12b, 19, 21); nW(1, 6a, 10, 11, 14f, 17, 18b, 19a, 20b, 25b, 27); Wa6.

Pluchea ovalis (Pers.) DC. - CP5a; HH(3, 4d); M(11a, 11b); sW1a.

Pseudoconyza viscosa (Mill.) D'Arcy - sW(3, 13a, 12b) - Syn.: *Blumea aurita* (L. f.) DC.

Psiadia punctulata (DC.) Vatke - M(22, 23b, 23c) - Syn.: *P. arabica* Jaub. et Spach.

Pulicaria argyrophylla Franch. var. *oligophylla* Gamal-Eldin - CP2c; HH4b; M(1, 8, 11a, 11b, 22, 23b); nW(14a, 14b, 14c, 14g, 14l, 17, 18b, 20a, 21).

Pulicaria cylindrica (Baker) O.Schwartz - nW(3, 7, 10, 12, 14h, 14l, 14o, 26, 27).

Pulicaria gamal-eldinae N.Kilian & P.Hein - sW1i - First record from Oman - Known from S Yemen (Kilian, 1999) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen.

Pulicaria glutinosa (Boiss.) Jaub. et Spach subsp. *glutinosa* - L8a; M23c.

Pulicaria inuloides (Poir.) DC. - M11a.

Pulicaria nobilis Gamal-Eldin - M6 - A rare species, second record from Oman (Gamal-Eldin, 1981; Mosti & Selvi, 2007).- (Fig. 3b).

Pulicaria cf. *nobilis* - M23c - Incomplete specimen: flowers lacking.

Pulicaria omanensis Gamal-Eldin subsp. *omanensis* - LH15; sW(2b, 3, 6b, 20); nW(14b, 14c, 14d, 14e, 14g, 14o, 14n, 25b, 27); Ha(1a, 2) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Pulicaria undulata (L.) C.A.Mey. - CP(7, 11); sW(3, 12b); nW(1, 3, 7, 12, 13, 27) - Syn.: *P. crispa* (Forssk.) Benth.

Sclerocarpus africanus Jacq. ex Murray - LH(8a, 14); HH(5b, 8, 9).

Tridax procumbens L. - CP6d; sW(8, 9) - Pantropical, collected in Salalah (Dhofar) - First record from Oman.

Tripteris vaillantii Decne. - nW(14e, 17, 18a, 18c, 18d, 19a) - Syn.: *Osteospermum vaillantii* (Decne.) Norl.

Vernonia arabica F.G.Davies - CP(2a, 2b, 4a, 8b); LH15; HH(4b, 4e, 11); M(1, 22, 23a, 23b); sW(1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 6a, 6b, 6f, 8, 9, 12a, 13a); nW(14a, 14d, 14i, 14o, 17, 18a, 19b, 20a, 25a, 27, 28).

Vernonia cinerascens Sch.Bip. - M 23b - First record from Oman.

Vernonia cinerea (L.) Less. - CP6a; LH(5, 7f, 8b, 10, 14); HH9; M20; sW(12a, 16a); Wa(4, 8).

Volutaria sinaica (DC.) Wagenitz - M1; sW2b; nW(18c, 18d, 18e, 20a) - Syn.: *V. lippii* (L.) Cass. ex Maire.

BALSAMINACEAE

Impatiens balsamina L. - LH(3a, 7b); HH4b; M14; sW16a - Native of tropical Asia.

BOMBACACEAE

Adansonia digitata L. - LH14b; sW(16a, 16b, 16c, 16d, 16e, 16f) - Known only from two localities: Dalkut (near the Yemen border) and Wadi Hinna (hills between Khor Rori and Mirbat).

BORAGINACEAE

Arnebia hispidissima (Lehm.) DC. - L5a; CP(2c, 4b, 8b, 15c); LH15; M11c; sW(1d, 5); nW(1, 7, 10, 14d, 14e, 15, 18a, 18c, 25b, 26, 27); Ha1a.

Cordia monoica Roxb. - LH7d; M21 - Syn.: *C. ovalis* Hochst. ex DC.

Cordia myxa L. - M11a; sW16f.

Cordia nevillei Alston - HH5a - Syn.: *C. perrottettii* Wight (cf. Warfa, 1990; Thulin et al., 2001).

Echiochilon arabicum (O.Schwartz) I.M.Johnst. - sW(1f, 1i); sW(6a, 6b).

Echiochilon callianthum Lönn - sW6b.

Echiochilon jugatum I.M.Johnst. - L5a; CP10a.

Echiochilon kotschy (Boiss. & Hohen.) I.M.Johnst. - nW(14l, 14o, 21).

Echiochilon longiflorum Benth. - sW(1e, 6b, 6c).

Echiochilon persicum (Burm. f.) I.M.Johnst. - nW(1, 14d, 14n).

Echiochilon sp. plur. - LH15; sW(6b, 6f); nW(1, 18e) - Incomplete specimens.

Ehretia obtusifolia Hochst. ex DC. - CP6c.

Heliotropium bacciferum Forssk. - L(7, 8a, 8c); CP(14, 15d); LH7b; M(8, 22, 23a, 23b); sW(17, 18c, 20, 21); nW(3, 4, 11, 14i, 18b, 18c, 20a, 21, 25b, 26, 27); Ha(1a, 1b).

Heliotropium breviliimbe Boiss. - L(5a, 6); sW(17, 19); nW(14a, 14d, 14e, 14o, 27); Ha1a - Syn.: *H. calcareum* Stocks.

Heliotropium fartakense O.Schwartz - L(2a, 2c, 3b, 5a); CP(2b, 4b, 5a, 8a, 8b, 10a, 12); LH(2, 15); HH11; sW(1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 3, 6a, 6b, 12a, 13a, 13d); nW(1, 7, 14b, 14m, 18a, 18c, 18d).

Heliotropium longiflorum (A.DC.) Jaub. & Spach subsp. **longiflorum** - CP(6a, 6b, 8d); LH(8b, 12); HH5b; Ha1a; M(1, 23b); sW(1d, 2b, 6b, 12a, 16a, 16d, 20); nW(18c, 18d); Ha1a.

Heliotropium ophioglossum Stocks ex Boiss. - LH15; M(23a, 23b); sW1d; nW18c.

Heliotropium ovalifolium Forssk. - LH8a; sW(3, 12a, 12b).

Heliotropium rariflorum Stocks - HH3; sW1d; nW26.

Heliotropium steudneri Vatke - CP4b; sW(1d, 2b, 6b, 9) - First record from Oman.

Heliotropium subspinosum Thulin & A.G.Mill. - M6; sW6e.

Nogalia drepanophylla (Baker) Verdc. - CP14; LH15; sW(10b, 11, 13a, 16a).

Trichodesma cinereum Mosti & Selvi - M6 (*locus classicus*), 23c; nW1 - Syn.: *T. dhofaricum* Ghaz. (Ghazanfar, 2010) - Endemic to Dhofar (Mosti & Selvi, 2007). - (Fig. 3c).

Trichodesma hildebrandtii Gürke - CP(4b, 8b); M23b; sW1d; nW(6d, 14o, 18e, 18b).

BRASSICACEAE

Diplotaxis harra (Forssk.) Boiss. - CP(2b, 2c, 6a, 6b); sW(1a, 1d, 2b); nW(10, 18a, 18b, 18c, 18e, 19b, 19c, 25b).

Farsetia dhofarica Jonsell & A.G.Mill. - nW(26, 27) - Regional endemic: Oman & S Yemen (Miller, 1996).

Farsetia latifolia Jonsell & A.G.Mill. - CP4b; LH(2, 15); HH4b; M3; sW(1a, 2b, 6b, 12a, 5, 9); nW(14d, 14e, 18a, 18c, 18d, 20a).

Farsetia longisiliqua Decne. - nW14e.

Farsetia sp. plur. - CP2c; LH(2, 15); M11b; sW(1d, 6b, 6c); nW(14o, 26, 27) - Incomplete specimens.

Moricandia sinaica (Boiss.) Boiss. - nW(14e, 19b, 19c).

BURSERACEAE

Boswellia sacra Flueck. - HH(4c, 4e, 11); sW(1a, 1f, 1i, 1g, 1h, 2a, 2b, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e, 6f); nW(1, 6b, 6c, 6d, 9, 14a, 14b, 14c, 14d, 14e, 14f, 14g, 14h, 14i, 14l, 14m, 14n, 14o, 15, 16, 21); Ha(1a, 1b, 1c, 2) - The localities in *italics* refer to specimens observed in the field but not collected. - cf. Raffaelli et al. (2003, 2006); Raffaelli, Tardelli et al. (2003). - (Fig. 3h).

Commiphora foliacea Sprague - CP(2a, 14, 15c, 17); LH(15, 16); HH(4b, 4c); M22; sW(1c, 6a, 6b, 6c, 17, 19, 20, 21); Ha1a.

Commiphora gileadensis (L.) C.Chr. - CP(6b, 6c); LH(1, 3a, 7c, 8a, 8b, 16, 24); HH14; M(2, 3, 6, 22).

Commiphora kua (Royle) Vollesen - CP(4b, 6a, 6b, 8a, 11); LH(1, 6, 7b, 7c, 8a, 9); HH5b; M(20, 23a); sW(13a, 16a); nW(17, 19b, 19c); Ha1a - Syn.: *C. habessinica* (O.Berg) Engl.

Commiphora wightii (Arn.) Bhandari - CP14; sW(1d, 6c).

CAPPARACEAE

Boscia arabica Pestal. - CP(6d, 9); LH1; sW(1a, 3, 13a).

Cadaba baccarinii Chiov. - sW6f.

Cadaba farinosa Forssk. - CP(5b, 8b, 8d, 10a, 10b); sW6f; nW6b; Ha1c; Wa6.

Cadaba heterotricha Stocks ex Hook. - sW(4, 6a); Ha(1a, 1c, 2).

Capparis cartilaginea Decne. - CP(16, 20); HH11; M8; sW(3, 20); nW(19a, 22).

Cleome albescens Franch. subsp. **omanensis** D.F.Chamb. & Lamond - sW6b; nW(18e, 26) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Cleome amblyocarpa Barratte & Murb. - CP2c.

Cleome austroarabica Chamb. & Lam. subsp. **austroarabica** - L3b; CP(8b, 15a, 16); LH15; HH11; sW(1a, 1d, 6a, 6d, 9, 12b, 13a, 18a, 18c, 19, 20); nW(14a, 14c, 14d, 14e, 15, 18e, 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28); Ha2.

Cleome austroarabica Chamb. & Lam. subsp. **muscatensis** Chamb. & Lam. - nW25 - First record from Dhofar.

Cleome brachycarpa Vahl ex DC. - L5a; CP(4b, 8a, 8b, 10a, 10b, 16); LH15; HH4c; sW(1e, 1d, 2b, 3, 5, 6b, 12a, 19, 20, 21); nW(7, 10, 14d, 14e, 25a, 25b, 26, 28); Ha1a.

Cleome brevipetiolata Chamb. & Lam. - nW(2, 14c).

Cleome gynandra L. - CP2c - Syn.: *Gynandropsis gynandra* (L.) Briq.

Cleome noeana Boiss. subsp. **noeana** - sW(2b, 6a); nW1.

Cleome scaposa DC. - nW2 - First record from Dhofar.

Dhofaria macleishii A.G.Mill. - M(22, 23a); nW(19a, 19c) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Dipterygium glaucum Decne. - nW(4, 7).

Maerua crassifolia Forssk. - LH17; sW1f; nW(6b, 6d, 9, 25a, 26, 28).

CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Cometes abyssinica R.Br. ex Wall. - L5a; CP(8b, 14, 15d); LH(15, 16); HH11; sW(13a, 21a); nW(14l, 25b); Ha1a.

Gymnocarpus dhofarensis Petruss. & Thulin - nW(10, 14a, 14c, 14d, 20b) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen (Petrusson & Thulin, 1996).

Gypsophila montana Balf. f. subsp. **somalensis** (Franch.) M.G.Gilbert - CP2b; HH(4b, 11); sW(1a, 1b, 1d, 1f, 8, 9, 13a, 18a, 18c); nW(18a, 25b); Wa6.

Herniaria maskatensis Bornm. - nW(3, 14d, 14h, 14i, 14n, 26) - Regional endemic: Oman & S Yemen (Miller, 1996).

Polycarpha repens (Forssk.) Asch. & Schweinf. - nW(2, 25b).

Polycarpha robbaireia (Kuntze) Greuter & Burdet - nW(18a, 18b, 18c, 18e).

Polycarpha spicata Wight ex Arn. - L(4, 5a); CP(2b, 10a, 12); sW(1a, 1c, 5); nW(14d, 18a).

CELASTRACEAE

Maytenus dhofarensis Sebsebe - LH(6, 7d, 13, 7f);

HH(5a, 5b, 5c, 11); M(8, 11b, 11d, 12, 13, 19); nW6d - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Ghazanfar, 2007).

Maytenus senegalensis (Lam.) Exell - nW(21, 27).

CERATOPHYLLACEAE

Ceratophyllum demersum L. - CP8d; sW3; nW18e.

Ceratophyllum submersum L. - L3a; sW(1e, 13a) - First record from Dhofar.

CHENOPODIACEAE

Arthrocnemum macrostachyum (Moric.) K.Koch - CP5a.

Atriplex farinosa Forssk. - CP5a.

Chenopodium murale L. - CP6b; HH4e; M23a; sW13a; nW(18a, 18e).

Cornulaca amblyacantha Bunge - nW26.

Halotamnus bottae Jaub. & Spach - sW6f; nW(3, 14l, 21, 25b, 27).

Salsola imbricata Forssk. - CP(4a, 10a); LH15 - Syn.: *S. baryosoma* (Roem. & Schult.) Dandy.

Salsola spinescens Moq. - CP(9, 10b); LH17; sW11.

Salsola rubescens Franch. - nW(14l, 14o, 27).

Suaeda aegyptiaca (Hasselq.) Zohary - CP16; nW(20a, 26, 27).

Suaeda vermiculata Forssk. ex J.F.Gmel. - CP(2b, 4b, 5a, 8a, 8b, 9, 10a); sW11; nW(18a, 18b, 18c, 18e) - Syn.: *S. fruticosa* Forssk. ex J.F.Gmel.

CISTACEAE

Helianthemum citrinum Ghaz. - M6; sW1d; nW(14o, 18c, 18d, 18e, 19c, 25a, 28).

COMBRETACEAE

Anogeissus dhofarica A.J.Scott - LH(7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 8a); HH(1, 2, 8, 10); M(1, 11a, 11b, 11d) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

CONVOLVULACEAE

Convolvulus glomeratus Hochst. ex Choisy - CP(2b, 2c, 6a, 6b, 8c); LH(3a, 5, 11, 15); HH2; M1; sW(1d, 6a, 6b, 20); nW14d; Ha1a.

Convolvulus hystrix Vahl - nW(6a, 6d, 7, 14c, 14d, 14e, 14o, 15, 22).

Convolvulus prostratus Forssk. - sW(6e, 18b); nW(6b, 14c, 14d).

Convolvulus ulcinus Boiss. - CP15b; sW18a; nW27; Ha(1a, 2) - cf. Raffaelli et al. (2006).

Cressa cretica L. - L(2c, 3a); CP(8a, 8b, 8d, 12); sW(11, 13a).

Hildebrandtia africana Vatke - nW(17, 19c).

Hildebrandtia somalensis Engl. ex Peter - sW1g - First record from Oman.

Ipomoea aitonii Lindley - CP6a; LH14b; HH(4b, 8).

- Ipomoea cairica* (L.) Sweet - CP(2b, 2c); LH(3a, 5, 7f); HH(1, 5a).
Ipomoea nil (L.) Roth - CP6a; LH(3a, 8a, 14).
Ipomoea pes-caprae (L.) R.Br. - L(1, 2c); CP(5a, 11); LH9; HH7.
Ipomoea obscura (L.) Ker.-Gawl. - LH3a; HH1; M21; nW19a.
Ipomoea sinensis (Desr.) Choisy - CP(2c, 6a); LH(3a, 11, 14); M1; sW16.
Ipomoea turbinata Lag. - HH8.
Merremia somalensis (Vatke) Hallier f. - sW(1d, 6a, 6b, 6e, 6f); nW(6a, 6b, 10).
Seddera glomerata (Balf. f.) O.Schwartz - LH15; M3; sW(1c, 1e); nW(18a, 18b).
Seddera latifolia Steud. & Hochst. - CP(8b, 10a).

CUCURBITACEAE

- Citrullus colocynthis* (L.) Schrad. - L5a; CP(7, 18).
Corallocarpus epigaeus (Rottler) Hook f. ex C.B. Clarke - CP(4a, 4b); LH(6, 8b); M(11b, 17).
Corallocarpus cf. *glomeruliflorus* (Deflers) Cogn. - LH16; sW6d - Insufficient materials: flowers and fruits lacking.
Cucumis prophetarum L. subsp. *prophetarum* - CP14; LH(15, 17); M23a; sW(2b, 6e, 13a); nW(14a, 14c, 25b, 26); Wa6.
Cucumis prophetarum L. cf. subsp. *dissectus* (Naudin) C. Jeffrey - nW(18c, 18d); M17 - Unripe fruits.
Cucumis pustulatus Hook. f. - M11a.
Cucumis sativus L. - LH(3a, 7b).
Luffa acutangula (L.) Roxb. - CP6a; LH(6, 7b, 8a, 10, 11); HH(2, 5a, 7, 10).
Mukia maderaspatana (L.) M.Roem. - LH3a; HH10; sW(12a, 16a).

EBENACEAE

- Euclea racemosa* Murray subsp. *schimperi* (A.DC.) F. White - LH7d; HH(1, 3); M11a.

EUPHORBIACEAE

- Acalypha indica* L. - CP(4b, 6a); LH(11, 15); sW(5, 12a); Wa8.
Andrachne aspera Spreng. var. *aspera* - CP(6a, 6b); M11b; sW(1e, 5); nW27.
Andrachne aspera Spreng. var. *glandulosa* A.Rich. - CP8b; sW(6a, 6f); nW(14a, 14c, 14e, 20a).
Andrachne telephioides L. - sW(1d, 1f, 2b, 6b, 18c); nW(6b, 14d, 14l, 18c).
Chrozophora oblongifolia (Delile) A.Juss. ex Spreng. - CP14; LH15; HH11; sW(1b, 1d, 2b, 6b, 8, 9, 13a); nW(14d, 14e, 18c, 25b).
Croton confertus Baker - LH7e; M13 - Endemic to Dhofar, SE Yemen and N Somalia (Thulin et al., 2001).
Dalechampia scandens L. var. *cordofana* (Hochst. ex

- Rich.) Müll.-Arg. - CP6b; LH5; HH(4b, 4c, 11); sW(1b, 1c, 1d, 16d).
Euphorbia arabica Hochst. & Steud. ex Boiss. - sW(1d, 6b, 19).
Euphorbia balsamifera Ait. subsp. *adenensis* (Deflers) Bally - M(1, 3, 14, 16, 22, 23b, 23c); nW17.
Euphorbia cactus Ehrenb. ex Boiss. - CP(2a, 2b, 2c, 6a, 6b, 6c); LH(13, 14); HH(3, 4b, 4c, 4e); M(22, 23b); sW6f; nW(17, 18a, 18b, 18c, 18d, 18e, 19a, 19b, 19c) - The localities in *italics* refer to specimens observed in the field but not collected.
Euphorbia dhofarensis S.Carter - CP9; M5; nW14d; Ha1a - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Ghazanfar, 2007).
Euphorbia granulata Forssk. var. *granulata* - sW6b; nW14d - First record from Oman.
Euphorbia granulata Forssk. var. *glabrata* (Gay) Boiss. - M17; sW(12a, 16); Wa7.
Euphorbia hadramautica Baker - CP(3, 4a, 4b); nW(18a, 18c); M20; sW(5, 6b, 6f, 9) - A very variable species in Dhofar, see Mosti et al. (2005).
Euphorbia hirta L. - CP8c; HH(4b, 4e); M1; sW(1d, 9); nW18c - (cf. Raffaelli et al., 2003).
Euphorbia larica Boiss. - CP9; M5; nW14d; Ha1a.
Euphorbia orbiculifolia S.Carter - HH(4b, 4c); M23c - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Ghazanfar, 2007).
Euphorbia schimperi C.Presl - HH(4b, 4c, 7c, 9); M(3, 8, 23b); nW14l.
Euphorbia serpens Kunth - Wa2 - First record from Dhofar.
Euphorbia smithii S.Carter - CP(2c, 6a, 6b); LH(3a, 6, 7b, 7e, 8b) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).
Euphorbia aff. *uzmuk* S.Carter & J.R.I. Wood - CP(2a, 14); HH4e; M11b; sW1i - (cf. Miller & Morris, 1988).
Jatropha dhofarica Radcl.-Sm. - CP(2a, 4b, 6a, 6b, 11); LH(6, 7e, 9, 11); HH(1, 5c); M13; sW16a - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).
Jatropha pelargonifolia Courbon var. *sublobata* (O. Schwartz) Radcl.-Sm. - CP3; M7; sW(1h, 2b, 6b, 6c, 6e).
Meineckia phyllanthoides Baill. - CP6b; LH3a.
Phyllanthus maderaspatensis L. - M3; sW(1d, 1e).
Phyllanthus rotundifolius Willd. - CP6a; LH(7b, 8a).
Ricinus communis L. var. *africana* Müll.-Arg. - M23b; sW6b.

FABACEAE (CESALPINIOIDEAE)

- Cesalpinia erianthera* Chiov. - sW(1i, 3, 6f).
Cesalpinia bonduc (L.) Roxb. - Culta in Al Balid Botanical Garden (Salalah).
Delonix elata (L.) Gamble - CP(6a, 12); LH(3a, 13); sW(14, 16a).

Senna holosericea (Fresen.) Greuter - CP(8a, 10a); LH(15, 17); sW(1c, 1d, 2a, 6b, 8, 13a, 24); nW(14d, 14e, 25b, 26).

Senna italica Mill. - nW7.

Senna sophora (L.) Roxb. - nW19a - First record from Dhofar.

Tamarindus indica L. - HH1; M20.

FABACEAE (FABOIDEAE)

Alysicarpus glumaceus (Vahl) DC. - LH6; HH10.

Alysicarpus longifolius (Rottl. ex Spreng.) Wight & Arn. - CP6b.

Alysicarpus sp. - LH10 - Pods lacking.

Crotalaria aegyptiaca Benth. - CP15a; sW(19, 20); nW(6a, 20a, 20b, 21, 27).

Crotalaria leptocarpa Balf. f. - nW14d.

Crotalaria medicaginea Lam. - LH(7b, 8b, 12); HH10; Wa7.

Crotalaria persica (Burm. f.) Merr. - L5a; CP12; sW(10b, 13a, 13b); nW(7, 14d, 27).

Crotalaria retusa L. - LH7f; HH(2, 10); Wa7.

Indigofera articulata Gouan - M11c; sW(3, 6b, 13a, 18a); nW(19a, 19b, 25b).

Indigofera coerulea Roxb. var. *coerulea* - CP(4b, 6a); sW(8, 12b, 13a).

Indigofera coerulea Roxb. var. *occidentalis* J.B.Gillett & Ali - CP6b; sW16a.

Indigofera nephrocarpa Balf. f. - CP2b; sW(1c, 20); nW(14a, 14c).

Indigofera oblongifolia Forssk. - CP(4a, 5a, 17, 20); nW(1, 6a, 6b, 6d, 25a, 28).

Indigofera rubromarginata Thulin - L5a; sW(19, 21).

Indigofera semitrijuga Forssk. - sW 21; nW(7, 14a, 14d, 14e, 14o, 26).

Indigofera trita L. f. var. *maffei* (Chiov.) Ali - HH(5a, 10).

Indigofera volkensii Taub. - CP(2a, 2c, 4b, 8b); LH2; HH4e; M1; sW(1d, 6b, 12a, 13b); nW18c.

Ormocarpum dhofarense Hillc. & J.B.Gillett - CP(6a, 6b); LH(3a, 8b, 14); HH(8, 10, 11); M14 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & E Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Psoralea corylifolia L. - M20l.

Rhynchosia minima (L.) DC. - CP(2c, 6b); LH(11, 14); HH(4b, 4c, 9); M(11b, 14, 17).

Rhynchosia pulverulenta Stocks - CP8b; sW(1d, 5, 6b, 8, 20); Ha1a.

Rhynchosia schimperii Boiss. - CP6d.

Taverniera brevialata Thulin - CP(15d, 20); Ha1b.

Taverniera multinoda Thulin - CP(15a, 15d); nW(10, 14o).

Tephrosia pentaphylla (Roxb.) G.Don - Ha(1a, 1c) - First record from Dhofar. - (Fig. 3g).

Tephrosia purpurea (L.) Pers. - CP(14, 17, 20); sW(3, 19,

20); nW(1, 14d, 25b, 27).

Tephrosia subtriflora Hochst. ex Baker - L5a; CP(2c, 6a); LH(7b, 8a, 14, 15); HH(9, 11); M(14, 17); sW16; nW(18c, 18d) - cf. Raffaelli et al. (2006).

Tephrosia uniflora Pers. - CP4b; LH(16, 17); sW(1f, 2a, 3, 8, 9, 11).

Tephrosia sp. plur. - LH(11, 12, 15); sW(1f, 8, 20) - Incomplete specimens.

Teramnus repens (Taub.) Baker f. subsp. *gracilis* (Chiov.) Verdc. - LH8a; HH10; sW12a.

FABACEAE (MIMOSOIDEAE)

Acacia ehrenbergiana Hayne - sW2a.

Acacia etbaica Schweinf. subsp. *uncinata* Brenan - CP1; HH11.

Acacia gerrardii Benth. subsp. *gerrardii* - M21.

Acacia hamulosa Benth. - nW3.

Acacia laeta R.Br. ex Benth. - sW(3, 4, 6d).

Acacia nilotica (L.) Delile subsp. *kraussiana* (Benth.) Brenan - CP(8a, 11); LH(7d, 9, 13); HH10; M(11b, 20); sW(12b, 16d); Wa8.

Acacia senegal (L.) Willd. - CP(1, 6a, 6c, 11); LH(3a, 3b, 7c, 7e, 15); HH11; M(10a, 13, 14); sW(12b, 16d, 17, 20); nW(19a, 27); Ha1c; Wa7.

Acacia tortilis (Forssk.) Hayne - CP(6c, 8a, 8d, 15b); LH(15, 17); nW(6b, 7, 14c, 14o); Ha2.

Acacia sp. plur. - CP2b; sW1b; nW(4, 11) - Incomplete specimens: flowers and pods lacking.

Prosopis cineraria (L.) Druce - sW16d.

Prosopis juliflora (Swartz) DC. - CP(6a, 8d).

GENTIANACEAE

Canscora concanensis C.B.Clarke - HH5a.

Enicostema axillare (Lam.) A.Raynal - L8a.

Exacum affine Balf. f. ex Regel - L8a - Syn.: *E. gracilipes* Balf. f. - Endemic to Dhofar and Socotra (Thulin, 2001).

Exacum arabicum Thulin - CP2c; LH14b; HH(4b, 15); M17 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen (Thulin, 2001).

GERANIACEAE

Geranium biuncinatum Kokwaro - M19.

Geranium mascatense Boiss. - CP6b; HH10; M(14, 18, 19).

Geranium trilophum Boiss. - M14 - Syn.: *G. yemensense* Defflers s. str.

Monsonia heliotropoides (Cav.) Boiss. - sW6b; nW(14d, 14e, 25b, 26).

LAMIACEAE (LABIATAE)

Becium dhofarense Sebal - LH8b; HH(1, 4b, 4c, 9); M19 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

- Endostemon tenuiflorus** (Benth.) M.Ashby - CP(2b, 6a, 6b, 8b); LH2; HH(4c, 11); M14; sW(1d, 5, 6b).
- Lavandula dhofarensis** A.G.Mill. subsp. **dhofarensis** - CP(2b, 2c, 6a, 6b, 6c); LH(15, 16); M23b; sW(6f, 8, 16f); Wa6 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).
- Lavandula dhofarensis** A.G.Mill. subsp. **ayunensis** A.G.Mill. - HH4e; sW(1d, 2b, 9); nW(6d, 19c, 20a) - Endemic to Dhofar (Miller & Morris, 1988; Ghazanfar, 1992a).
- Lavandula dhofarensis** A.G.Mill. subsp. **dhofarensis/ayunensis** - M23b; nW1 - Specimens with intermediate characters between the two subspecies.
- Lavandula macra** Baker - CP15a; sW(1a, 1f, 1i, 2a, 2b, 3, 4, 6a, 6e, 6f, 17, 18a, 21); nW27; Ha1a.
- Leucas dhofarensis** Hedge & Sebald - LH(2,14); HH4b; M14; nW(17, 18a, 18d) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).
- Leucas urticifolia** (Vahl) R.Br. - CP(2a, 2c, 4b, 6a, 6b); LH11; sW12a.
- Leucas inflata** Benth. - sW(1d, 1e).
- Ocimum forskalii** Benth. - CP(2c, 6a, 6b, 8c); LH(3a, 5); HH(1, 4a, 4b, 4e); M11a; sW(1d, 9, 16a, 16d); nW(17, 18c, 18d).
- Orthosiphon pallidus** Royle ex Benth. - CP(2c, 4b, 6a, 6b); LH(3a, 8a, 11); M11a; sW(5, 9, 12a).
- Orthosiphon** sp. plur. - HH4b; sW8; Wa6 - Leaves hairy; flowers lacking.
- Plectranthus barbatus** Andrews - LH7b; HH(5a, 5b); M14.
- Plectranthus cylindraceus** Hochst. ex Benth. - sW1f; nW(17, 18a).
- Salvia macilentia** Boiss. - nW(14c, 14h, 14o) - First record from Dhofar.
- Salvia** sp. plur. - M(23a, 23b); nW18c - Insufficient and incomplete materials.
- Teucrium nummularifolium** Baker - LH10; HH(4c, 9); M(11b, 17, 18, 19); sW(1c, 1d, 12a, 8, 16a); nW17.
- Teucrium** sp. plur. - CP(3, 11); LH15; HH4b; M(2b, 3, 11a, 23b); sW(1c, 1f, 8, 9); nW19c - Incomplete specimens.

LORANTHACEAE

- Plicosepalus acaciae** (Zucc.) Wiens & Polhill - Wa6 - Syn.: *Loranthus acaciae* Zucc.

LYTRACEAE

- Lawsonia inermis** L. - CP5b; sW(16b, 16d).
- Woodfordia uniflora** (A.Rich.) Koehne - HH11; sW1a; nW(6a, 6d).

MALPIGHIACEAE

- Acridocarpus orientalis** A.Juss. - sW(1a, 1f, 2a).

MALVACEAE

- Abelmoschus esculentus** (L.) Moench - M20.
- Abelmoschus manihot** (L.) Medik. - M(11a, 20).
- Abutilon bidentatum** A.Rich. - LH8b; HH(4b, 4e).
- Abutilon fruticosum** Guill. & Perr. - CP(2b, 2c, 3, 4b, 6b); LH14b; HH4b; sW(6f, 12a, 16a, 20); nW1; Ha(1a, 1b, 1c).
- Abutilon hirtum** (Lam.) Sweet - HH8.
- Abutilon mauritianum** (Jacq.) Medik. - Wa8.
- Abutilon pannosum** (G. Forst.) Schltdl. - CP4a; HH4b; sW(6b, 19, 20); nW6d.
- Cienfuegosia welshii** (T. Anders.) Garcke - sW1e.
- Gossypium hirsutum** L. - CP5a - Culta.
- Gossypium stocksii** Mast. - CP(2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 4a, 8b); sW(1a, 1b, 1d, 1g, 2b, 6a, 11, 13a).
- Hibiscus micranthus** L. f. - CP10b; HH11; M23b; sW(1c, 1d, 8, 17c) - First record from Dhofar.
- Hibiscus** cf. **scindicus** Stocks - CP8b; sW8 - Flowers lacking.
- Hibiscus vitifolius** L. - M14.
- Pavonia arabica** Hochst. ex Steudl. - CP(2b, 2c, 4b, 6a, 6b); LH(3a, 5, 11); HH4b; M11b; sW1d; nW18d.
- Pavonia pirottae** (A.Terracc.) Chiov. - sW(1d, 5, 6a).
- Pavonia schweinfurthii** Ulbr. - HH4b; sW1e.
- Pavonia** sp. plur. - M11b; nW18c - Incomplete specimens.
- Senra incana** Cav. - L2d; CP(2b, 2c, 3, 5a, 8a, 16); LH16; sW(11, 13a, 16a, 20, 21); Ha1a.
- Sida cordata** (Burm. f.) Borss. Waalk. - CP6a; LH(7a, 7f, 14); HH10.
- Sida ovata** Forssk. - CP(4b, 8b); LH(6, 15); HH(1, 2, 4b); M(1, 19); sW(1e, 6b, 12a, 9, 16a).
- Thespesia populnea** (L.) Sol. ex Correa - L(8a, 8b) - First record from Oman.

MENISPERMACEAE

- Cocculus balfourii** Schweinf. ex Balf. f. - LH1; HH4e; M(3, 8); sW1a - Endemic to Dhofar, S Yemen and Socotra (Miller, 1996; Thulin et al., 2001).
- Cocculus pendulus** (J.B.Först. & G.Forst.) Diels - CP6c; nW(6b, 14o, 20a, 20b, 21, 26, 27).

MORACEAE

- Dorstenia foetida** (Forssk.) Schweinf. - CP6a; LH(3a, 8b); HH(4c, 9); nW(17, 18d, 19b, 19c).
- Ficus cordata** Thunb. subsp. **salicifolia** (Vahl) C.C.Berg - CP(6a, 11, 20); LH9; sW(1b, 2a, 14, 15).
- Ficus ingens** (Miq.) Miq. - LH(4, 14); HH11; sW16a.
- Ficus sycomorus** L. - LH14b; Wa8.
- Ficus vasta** Forssk. - LH(6, 12, 13, 14); HH4c; Wa8.

MORINGACEAE

- Moringa peregrina** (Forssk.) Fiori - sW(1a, 3, 6a); nW6a.

NYCTAGINACEAE

Boerhavia diffusa L. - CP8b.

Boerhavia elegans Choisy subsp. **elegans** - LH17.

Boerhavia elegans Choisy subsp. **stenophylla** (Boiss.) A.G.Mill. - nW(2, 25a, 28).

Commicarpus boissieri (Heimerl) Cufod. - CP(2b, 5a, 6a, 8b, 10a); LH14b; M(1, 18); sW(1a, 1c, 13a, 14, 16a, 20); nW(18b, 18d, 18e).

Commicarpus stenocarpus (Chiov.) Cufod. - CP10b; LH17; sW(2, 6a, 9, 17, 20); nW(14d, 14e).

Commicarpus sp. plur. - CP6a; M(23b, 23c); sW1b - Incomplete specimens.

NYMPHAEACEAE

Nymphaea nouchali Burm. f. var. **caerulea** (Savigny) Verdc. - CP6a - According to McKean (1996) probably introduced in Yemen - First record from Oman.

OLEACEAE

Jasminum grandiflorum L. subsp. **floribundum** (R.Br. ex Fresen.) P.S.Green - LH7f; HH(1, 9, 10); M(1, 10a, 11a, 19).

Olea europaea L. subsp. **cuspidata** (Wall. ex G.Don) Cif. - M(11a, 11b, 12, 13, 14, 23b).

OROBANCHACEAE

Cistanche tubulosa (Schenk) Hook. f. - CP(2a, 5a); sW1b.

Cistanche rosea Baker - sW1e; nW(20a, 27).

Orobanche cernua Loeff. - M11b; nW(18a, 18e).

Orobanche dhofarensis M.J.Y.Foley - HH(1, 9); M14.

PAPAVERACEAE

Argemone mexicana L. - HH5a; sW(1b, 12a, 16) - Alien, native of W Indies and Mexico.

PIPERACEAE

Peperomia pellucida (L.) Kunth - LH8a; HH9.

PLANTAGINACEAE

Plantago ovata Forssk. - M(1, 18); sW(1d, 2b); nW(14d, 14h, 18c).

PLUMBAGINACEAE

Dyerophytum indicum (Gibbs ex Wight) Kuntze - L8a; CP(4b, 6a, 6c, 15c); HH(4e, 11); sW(1a, 1b, 6a, 13a, 19, 20, 21); nW6b.

Limonium axillare (Forssk.) Kuntze - L8a; CP(2a, 8a, 8d, 10a); LH16; sW(1b, 6c, 13a); nW(1, 14d, 20a, 26); Ha1c.

Limonium milleri Ghaz. & J.R.Edm. - nW(18a, 18b).

Limonium sarcophyllum Ghaz. & J.R.Edm. - Ha1a - cf. Raffaelli et al., (2006).

Plumbago zeylanica L. - LH(6, 14); HH(5b, 8, 9).

POLYGALACEAE

Polygala dhofarica Baker - nW(18a, 18d) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & Yemen (Wood, 1997).

Polygala erioptera DC. - CP10a; sW1d; nW(14e, 25b).

Polygala mascatensis Boiss. - sW(1b, 1c, 1i, 2b); Ha(1c, 2).

Polygala moggii Raffaelli, Mosti & Tardelli - sW(18a, 18b, 18c) - Endemic to Dhofar (Raffaelli et al., 2007).

Polygala senensis Klotzsch - CP6a; LH6; HH4b; M14, sW1e.

Polygala sp. plur. - HH(4c, 4e); M3; sW1d - Incomplete specimens.

POLYGONACEAE

Persicaria glabra (Willd.) M.Gómez - LH9.

Rumex vesicarius L. - sW(1c, 1d); sW(14e, 17b).

PORTULACACEAE

Portulaca dhofarica M.G.Gilbert - CP(4a, 4b, 10a); sW(6b, 6f); nW18a - Endemic to Dhofar.

Portulaca oleracea L. - sW1e.

Portulaca quadrifida L. - sW1e.

Talinum portulacifolium (Forssk.) Asch. ex Schweinf. - sW11.

PRIMULACEAE

Anagallis arvensis L. - HH5a; M(11b, 14, 17); sW12a; nW(18a, 18c).

RESEDACEAE

Ochradenus arabicus Chaudhary, Hillc. & A.G.Mill. - CP(8a, 8c, 8d, 11); LH13; sW(1f, 12b, 8).

Ochradenus gifrii Thulin - nW11 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Miller, 1996; Ghazanfar, 2003). - (Fig. 3e).

Ochradenus sp. plur. - CP(8a, 8b); sW(9, 18a) - Incomplete specimens: fruits lacking.

Reseda sphenocleoides Deflers - CP(2a, 2b, 2c); LH2; sW(1a, 2b, 6b, 12b, 20); nW(6a, 14d, 14e); Ha1a; Wa6.

RHAMNACEAE

Rhamnus staddo A.Rich. - HH4c; M(13, 23c).

Ziziphus leucoderms (Baker) O.Schwartz - sW(1b, 2a, 13a); nW(6b, 25b, 27) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen (Miller & Morris, 1988).

Ziziphus spina-christi (L.) Desf. - CP(1, 11); HH7.

RUBIACEAE

Gaillonia aucheri (Guill.) Jaub. & Spach - M11c; nW(2, 3, 14e, 14o, 20a, 20b, 25a, 26, 27, 28); Ha2.

Kohautia caespitosa Schnizl. - CP(2c, 6a, 6b); LH(5, 8a); M(1, 3, 11a, 14); sW(1d, 1e, 6b); nW18c.

Kohautia retrorsa (Boiss.) Bremek. - LH16; M6; sW(1c, 6a); nW(14a, 14b, 14i, 14o, 20a, 26).

Oldenlandia corymbosa L. var. **corymbosa** - HH5a.

Oldenlandia corymbosa L. var. **caespitosa** (Benth.) Verdc. - CP6b; LH(8a, 10); HH1; sW12a.

RUTACEAE

Haplophyllum tuberculatum (Forssk.) A.Juss. - CP(7, 8c); sW(12a, 12b).

SALVADORACEAE

Azima tetracantha Lam. - LH4; HH(8, 11); M23c. - (Fig. 3f).

Salvadora persica L. var. **persica** - sW(11, 6a, 6f, 13a); nW19a; Wa6.

Salvadora persica L. var. **angustifolia** Verdc. - nW(6a, 6b) - First record from Oman - cf. Dahir (1999).

Salvadora persica L. var. **cyclophylla** (Chiov.) Verdc. - CP(9, 12); sW(13a, 14); nW6b - First record from Oman - cf. Dahir (1999).

SAPINDACEAE

Allophylus rubifolius (Hochst. ex A.Rich.) Engl. - LH(7a, 7c, 7e, 8b); M(11a, 13, 14).

Dodonaea viscosa (L.) Jacq. - LH13; HH(2, 4e, 8b); M(2, 11a, 19, 23a, 23b, 23c); sW(16a, 16d) - Syn.: *D. angustifolia* L. f.

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Alectra parasitica Hochst. ex A.Rich. - HH5b.

Anticharis arabica Endl. - sW(2b, 6b).

Anticharis glandulosa Aschers. - CP15d; LH(15, 17); M11c; sW(18c, 20); nW(2, 25b).

Bacopa monnieri (L.) Pennell - CP(5a, 8a, 6a); LH9; sW(11, 13a, 13d).

Campylanthus chascaniflorus A.G.Mill. - CP(3, 12); HH4d; sW(8, 13a, 13d); nW(14a, 14e, 14g, 20a).

Campylanthus pungens O.Schwartz - CP2a; sW(1i, 6e, 6f); nW(14f, 14l, 20a, 20b).

Camptoloma villosa Balf. f. - CP21; sW19.

Lindenbergia indica (L.) Vatke - CP(3, 4a, 8c, 10a); HH11; M(11a, 11b); sW(1d, 12a, 12b, 8); nW(14d, 14e, 14l, 14o, 17, 18c, 19c, 25b); Wa6.

Lindenbergia muraria (Roxb ex D.Don) Brühl - CP(2b, 2c, 6b); LH3a; HH9; sW16a; Wa(7, 8).

Nanorrhinum hastatum (R.Br. ex Benth.) Ghebr. - CP2c; LH(11, 12); HH4b; sW1d.

Nanorrhinum heterophyllum (Schousb.) Ghebr. - LH8b; M11b; sW(2b, 8, 9, 12a); nW(14d, 14o, 18a, 18c, 19a, 19b); Wa6 - Syn.: *Kickxia qaraica* D.A.Sutton.

Nanorrhinum roseiflorum Mosti, Raffaelli & Tardelli - M(5, 7); nW28 - Endemic to Dhofar (Mosti et al., 2008).

Schweinfurthia latifolia Baker ex Oliv. - nW(25a, 27) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & S Yemen (Mosti et al., 2006).

Schweinfurthia papilionacea (L.) Boiss. - sW19; nW(25a, 27).

Schweinfurthia pedicellata (T.Anderson) Balf. - sW(18b, 20) - cf. Raffaelli et al. (2006).

Schweinfurthia spinosa A.G.Mill., M.Short & D.A.Sutton - CP4b; nW(14d, 14i, 14l, 14o) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Striga gesnerioides (Willd.) Vatke - CP6a.

SOLANACEAE

Datura metel L. - CP(2a, 6a); LH8a - Syn.: *D. fastuosa* L.

Hyoscyamus gallagheri A.G.Mill. & Biagi - CP19; HH11.

Lycium shawii Roem. & Schult. - nW25b; Ha1a; nW(6b, 6c, 6d); Wa6.

Nicandra physalodes (L.) Gaertn. - LH(7a, 7b); HH1; sW12a.

Nicotiana tabacum L. var. **tabacum** - CP6b.

Nicotiana tabacum L. var. **lancifolia** (Willd. ex Lehm.) Comes - CP11; LH8b; M21; nW19a

Physalis minima L. - L1; LH(8a, 10); sW(6b, 12a).

Solanum incanum L. - CP(2a, 6b); LH(3a, 8a); HH7; M(11a, 11b).

Solanum luteum Mill. - nW15.

Solanum nigrum L. - CP6b; LH8a; HH5a; M11b; nW18c.

Withania qaraitica A.G.Mill. & Biagi - HH(4a, 4b); M11b; sW1d - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Thulin et al., 2001).

Withania somnifera (L.) Dunal - CP2a; LH8a; HH4e; M1; sW(1b, 12a); nW14g.

STERCULIACEAE

Hermannia paniculata Franch. - CP8b; Ha2; sW(1e, 6b); nW14e.

Hermannia testacea Vollesen - M18; sW1d.

Melhanian muricata Balf. f. - CP8b; M23b; sW(1d, 5, 6b); Ha1a.

Melhanian ovata (Cav.) Spreng. - LH5.

Sterculia africana (Lour.) Fiori - LH(7e, 12); HH10.

TAMARICACEAE

Tamarix aphylla (L.) H.Karst. - HH11; sW2a.

Tamarix arabica Bunge - sW21.

Tamarix mascatensis Bunge - nW6a; Ha1c.

TILIACEAE

Corchorus aestuans L. - sW12a.

Corchorus depressus (L.) C.Ch. - L5a; CP4b; sW(5, 6b, 8).

Corchorus olitorius L. - LH10; HH9; sW1d.

Corchorus trilocularis L. - CP(2c, 4b, 6b, 8b); LH(7b, 11); sW12a.

Grewia damine Gaertn. - sW(1b, 1c, 1d, 1f, 1i) - Syn.: *G. bicolor* Juss.

Grewia erythraea Schweinf. - M(23b, 23c); sW(c, 1f, 1i, 6b); nW(17, 18a).



Fig. 3 – a) *Iphiona teretifolia* Anderb.; b) *Pulicaria nobilis* Gamal-Eldin; c) *Trichodesma cinereum* Mosti & Selvi; d) *Barleria almughsaylensis* Mosti, Raffaelli & Tardelli; e) *Ochradenus giffrii* Thulin; f) *Azima tetracantha* Lam.; g) *Tephrosia pentaphylla* (Roxb.) G. Don; h) *Boswellia sacra* Flueck. (Wadi Dowkah, sito UNESCO).

Grewia mollis A.Juss. - HH11.

Grewia tenax (Forssk.) Fiori - HH11; sW5.

Grewia villosa Willd. - LH8b; sW(1b, 1c).

Triumfetta pentandra A.Rich. ex Guill. - CP6a; LH(8a, 11, 14); HH(1, 4b, 5a, 9, 10).

URTICACEAE

Forsskaolea tenacissima L. - sW(1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 2b, 20); nW(6a, 6d, 25a, 25b, 28); Ha1a.

Forsskaolea viridis Ehrenb. - CP(6a, 6b); sW(1d, 16a, 18b).

Laportea interrupta (L.) Chew - LH14b; HH10; Wa7.

Parietaria alsinifolia Delile - nW(14d, 14e) - First record from Dhofar.

VERBENACEAE

Avicenna marina (Forssk.) Vierh. - Wa(1a, 1b, 5).

Chascanum sessilifolium (Vatke) Moldenke - CP6a; HH4b.

Lantana cf. rugosa Thunb. - M11b - Incomplete specimen.

Lantana viburnoides (Forssk.) Vahl - HH9; M(1, 14, 17).

Phyla nodiflora (L.) Greene - L8a; LH9; sW12a; nW20.

Premna resinosa (Hochst.) Schauer - CP(6a, 6b).

Priva cordifolia (L. f.) Druce - HH11.

VIOLACEAE

Viola cinerea Boiss. var. *cinerea* - sW(1d, 5, 6b); nW(12, 14d, 14f, 14e) - Leaves hairy.

Viola cinerea Boiss. var. *stocksii* (Boiss.) W.Becker - CP(a, 6b); LH6; HH(5a, 6); M(11b, 14, 17) - Leaves glabrous or hairy only near the base.

Viola cinerea var. *cinerea*/var. *stocksii* - sW(2b, 15) - Hairiness intermediate between the two taxa.

VITACEAE

Cissus quadrangularis L. - CP(6a, 11); LH(6, 9, 13); HH10; sW(13a, 16f).

Cyphostemma ternatum (Forssk.) Desc. - LH14b; HH8; M14; nW(14d, 18d).

ZYGOPHYLLACEAE

Fagonia bruguieri DC. - CP4a; sW(1f, 6a, 6c, 20); nW(1, 14d, 25b, 26).

Fagonia cf. bruguieri/schweinfurthii - CP(14, 15a, 15d); nW(1, 26); Ha1a - Intermediate characters (leaves, spines, etc.) between the two taxa.

Fagonia indica Burm. f. - sW1e; nW3 - See also *F. paulayana*.

Fagonia luntii Baker - CP(8b, 8d, 4a, 4b); LH(2, 15); HH4e; sW(1f, 2b, 6b, 9, 12a, 16a, 16d); nW(18a, 18c, 20a).

Fagonia mahrana Beier - sW(1b, 1c, 1i, 6c, 6e) - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Beier, 2002; Ghazanfar, 2007).

Fagonia ovalifolia Hadidi - nW(2, 4, 7, 13, 26).

Fagonia paulayana Wagner & Vierh. - LH15 - Probably no more than a glabrous form of *F. indica* (cf. Thulin, 1993;

Ghazanfar, 2007).

Fagonia schweinfurthii (Hadidi) Hadidi - CP(2b, 2c, 4b, 8b); sW(1d, 12a, 13a).

Fagonia sp. plur. - nW(7, 14c, 27); Ha2 - Incomplete specimens.

Kelleronia revoilii (Franch.) Chiov. - LH15; HH7a; sW(1d, 2a, 2b) - According to Thulin (1993) the previous records of *K. gillettii* from Arabia are actually based on material of *K. revoilii*.

Melocarpum robecchii (Engl.) Beier & Thulin - sW(2a, 2b); nW1.

Tetraena alba (L. f.) Beier & Thulin - L8c; sW(1f, 1i, 2a, 3, 6f); Ha2 - Syn.: *Zygophyllum album* L. f.

Tetraena decumbens (Delile) Beier & Thulin - M(5, 8); nW(6b, 11, 14d, 14o, 18a, 18c, 20a) - Syn.: *Zygophyllum decumbens* Delile.

Tetraena hamiensis (Schweinf.) Beier & Thulin - nW(13, 14d, 14o, 18a, 19b, 20a, 20b); Wa2 - Syn.: *Zygophyllum hamiense* Schweinf.

Tetraena qatarensis (Hadidi) Beier & Thulin - nW(25b, 26, 27) - Syn.: *Zygophyllum qatarense* Hadidi.

Tetraena simplex (L.) Beier & Thulin - L(5a, 7, 8a); CP(4a, 4b, 8c, 8d, 10a, 12, 13, 15b); LH15; sW(11, 16a, 18c); nW(7, 25b, 26); Ha1a - Syn.: *Zygophyllum simplex* L.

Tribulus terrestris L. - CP4b; M(1, 23a); sW(1d, 5, 6b, 12a); nW(14d, 18c, 25b).

Tribulus pentandrus Forssk. - nW2.

ANGIOSPERMAE (MONOCOTYLEDONES-LILIOPSIDA)

AGAVACEAE

Dracaena serrulata Baker - HH3; M3.

Sansevieria eherenbergii Schweinf. - CP12; sW(10, 13).

ALOACEAE

Aloe dhufarensis Lavranos - CP8a; LH17; Ha(1a, 1b, 2); sW(1b, 4, 6a) - Endemic to Dhofar (Miller & Morris, 1988).

Aloe praetermissa T.A.McCoy & Lavranos - CP2a; HH4b; M3 - (Miller & Morris, 1988: sub *A. inermis* Forssk.) - Endemic to Dhofar, but probably present also beyond the Oman-Yemen border (Carter et al., 2011).

ARACEAE

Arisaema flavum (Forssk.) Schott - M14.

Remusatia vivipara (Roxb.) Schott - CP6a; HH(5b, 9); M14.

ARECACEAE (PALMAE)

Nannorrhops ritchiana (Griff.) Aitch. - nW(2, 14b, 20a, 20b, 21); Wa3 - Regional endemic: Dhofar & SE Yemen (Miller & Morris, 1988; Thulin et al., 2001) - The localities in *italics* refer to plants observed in the field, of which we have some photos.

Phoenix caespitosa Chiov. - sW1b; nW3; Ha(1b, 1c); Wa8
- First record from Oman.

ASPARAGACEAE

Asparagus africanus Lam. - sW(1a, 1b).

Asparagus racemosus Willd. - CP(2c, 6a); LH(3a, 8a, 14);
HH(1, 4b, 9); M(2, 10a, 10b).

COMMELINACEAE

Aneilema forskaolei Kunth - CP(6a, 6b); LH(3a, 6, 7b, 8a);
HH(9, 10); Wa7.

Commelina albescens Hassk. - CP6a.

Commelina forskaoii Vahl - CP(2c, 6a, 6b, 8b); LH(5, 8a);
sW12a.

Commelina ussiliensis Schweinf. - CP2c; nW(18c, 18d).

Commelina sp. plur - CP2c; LH15a - Incomplete specimens.

CYPERACEAE

Cyperus bulbosus Vahl - CP4b; Wa1b - First record from
Dhofar.

Cyperus conglomeratus Rottb. - L(2a, 2c, 5a); CP(5a, 20);
sW(1c, 2b, 6a, 6b, 8, 13a, 13b); nW(14d, 14f).

Cyperus iria L. - CP6b; HH5a; sW12a.

Cyperus laevigatus L. - CP(8a, 8b); sW(11, 13a, 13d);
nW14c; Wa2 - Syn.: *Juncellus laevigatus* (L.) C.B.Clark.

Cyperus longus L. - LH8a; HH(5a, 5b, 10); M11b.

Cyperus nutans Vahl var. *eleusinoides* (Kunth) R.W. Haines
- CP6b.

Cyperus rotundus L. - nW25b.

Cyperus squarrosus L. - CP6b.

Cyperus wissmannii O.Schwartz - HH4b.

Cyperus sp. - CP8b.

Eleocharis geniculata (L.) Roem. & Schult. - nW25a.

Fimbristylis cymosa R.Br. subsp. *spathacea* (Roth) Kojama
- CP(6a, 6b).

Fimbristylis ferruginea (L.) Vahl. subsp. *sieberiana* (Kunth)
Lye - CP6a; Wa6.

Schoenoplectus subulatus (Vahl) Lye - CP8b; LH8a; sW(3,
11, 13a); nW25b - Syn.: *S. litoralis* (Shrad.) Palla.

IRIDACEAE

Gladiolus candidus (Rendle) Goldblatt - CP(4b, 6a);
LH(8d, 14b); HH(5a, 5b, 6, 9, 10); M(14, 17) - Syn. *G.*
ukambanensis (Baker) Marais.

JUNCACEAE

Juncus rigidus Desf. - CP8a; sW11; nW(25a, 25b); Wa6.

ORCHIDACEAE

Epipactis veratrifolia Boiss. & Hohen. - HH11.

Eulophia guineensis Lindl. var. *purpurata* Kotschy - LH14;
M8a.

Eulophia petersii (Rchb. f.) Rchb. f. - LH1; nW19a.

LILIACEAE

Asphodelus fistulosus L. - M23b; sW1d; nW(14d, 18a, 18c,
19c).

Chlorophytum laxum R.Br. - CP(4b, 6a); LH11.

Dipcadi sp. - CP10a - Incomplete specimen: flowers and
fruits lacking.

POACEAE (GRAMINEAE)

Acrachne racemosa (B. Heyne ex Roem. & Schult.) Ohwi
- CP(1, 6a).

Aeluropus lagopoides (L.) Trin. ex Thwaites - L8a; CP(4a,
5a); sW(1a, 6a, 11); Wa2.

Apluda mutica L. - CP(6a, 6b); LH(3a, 7a, 7b, 8a, 10, 14);
HH(5a, 5b, 8, 9, 10); Wa7.

Aristida abnormis Chiov. - sW(1e, 2b, 6b).

Aristida adscensionis L. - CP(6a, 6b); LH2; sW(1d, 5, 6b,
9); nW14e.

Aristida adscensionis L. var. *pumila* (Decne.) Coss. & Du-
rieu - nW(14d, 18c).

Aristida funiculata Trin. & Rupr. - CP6a.

Aristida mutabilis Trin. & Rupr. - nW1.

Aristida triticoides Henrard - LH15; sW(1c, 2b, 6f).

Arthraxon cuspidatus (Hochst. ex A.Rich.) Hochst. ex
Hack. - HH(5a, 5b); M14.

Arthraxon hispidus (Thunb.) Makino - HH5a - Racemes
completely glabrous.

Arthraxon lancifolius (Trin.) Hochst. - CP6b; HH(2, 10);
sW1d.

Arthraxon pusillus Bor - CP6b; LH8b; HH(4b, 5a, 10);
sW12a.

Arthraxon prionodes (Steud.) Dandy - M(11b, 17).

Arundinella pumila (Hochst. ex A.Rich.) Steud. - LH7b;
HH(5b, 5c, 9, 10); M(11b, 14).

Brachiaria deflexa (Schumach.) C.E.Hubb. ex Robyns -
LH8a.

Brachiaria eruciformis (Sm.) Griseb. - M(1, 11b, 14).

Brachiaria ovalis Stapf - CP(2c, 6b); sW6a.

Capillipedium parviflorum (R.Br.) Stapf - M14.

Cenchrus pennisetiformis Hochst. & Steud. - CP(2c, 4b,
6a, 6b, 8b); LH(2, 11, 15, 17); HH9; sW(1a, 1d, 5, 6a,
6b, 9, 11, 12a, 13a, 19, 20); nW(6a, 18a, 18c, 18d, 25b);
Ha1a.

Cenchrus setigerus Vahl - CP(2b, 8b); LH2; HH4b; sW12a.

Chloris virgata Sw. - LH2; sW1d.

Chrysopogon macleishii Cope - nW27.

Chrysopogon plumulosus Hochst. - LH16, M23b; sW2b;
nW(12, 14a, 14d, 20a).

Cymbopogon commutatus (Steud.) Stapf - HH4b - Syn.:
C. schoenanthus (L.) Spreng. subsp. *velutinus* Cope (Cope,
2007).

Cymbopogon schoenanthus (L.) Spreng. - nW(9, 10, 14a).

- Cynodon dactylon* (L.) Pers. - CP8a.
Dactyloctenium aegyptium (L.) Willd. - LH(2, 10); HH(5a, 9); sW9; nW14d.
Dactyloctenium aristatum Link - L2d; CP(4b, 8b, 10a, 12); sW(12a, 13b).
Dactyloctenium robecchii (Chiov.) Chiov. - sW(1e, 2b).
Dactyloctenium scindicum Boiss. - LH2; M(11a, 11b); sW1d; nW(14d, 17, 18a, 18d).
Dichanthium annulatum (Forssk.) Stapf - HH(2, 5a); M11a.
Dichanthium foveolatum (Delile) Roberty - CP14; sW(1d, 6a, 6f); nW(14d, 25b).
Dichanthium micranthum Cope - CP(2b, 4b, 6a, 8b, 10a); M3; sW9.
Digitaria ciliaris (Retz.) Koeler - CP6b; LH8a; HH11; sW12a; nW18d.
Digitaria nodosa Parl. - CP2c; sW1d.
Digitaria stricta Roth ex Roem. & Schult. - HH5a.
Digitaria velutina (Forssk.) P.Beauv. - HH(9, 10).
Dimeria ornithopoda Trin. - HH5a.
Echinochloa colona (L.) Link - CP6b; LH8a; HH(5a, 5b).
Echinochloa pyramidalis (Lam.) Hitchc. & Chase - LH8a - First record from Oman.
Enneapogon cenchroides (Roem. & Schult.) C.E.Hubb. - HH11.
Eragrostis aspera (Jacq.) Nees - CP6b; HH11; sW12a.
Eragrostis barrelieri Daveau - sW1d; nW(14d, 18d).
Eragrostis cilianensis (All.) Vignolo ex Janch. - M14 - Specimens with contracted panicles and short spikelets. Leaf-blades with crateriform glands.
Eragrostis ciliaris (L.) R.Br. - CP6a; LH2; M11b.
Eragrostis minor Host - nW(2, 14d).
Eragrostis tenella (L.) P.Beauv. ex Roem. & Schult. - CP6b; HH9; sW12a.
Eustachys paspaloides (Vahl) Lanza & Mattei - LH8a; HH(9, 10); M11b.
Halopyrum mucronatum (L.) Stapf - L(5a, 5b).
Heteropogon contortus (L.) P.Beauv. ex Roem. & Schult. - HH9; M14; sW1d.
Isachne globosa (Thunb. ex Murray) Kuntze - LH9.
Lasiurus scindicus Henrard - nW(2, 7, 26).
Leptothrium senegalense (Kunth) Clayton - CP10a; sW(1d, 2b, 6b).
Loudetia flavida (Stapf) C.E.Hubb. - HH(9, 11); M14; sW1e - Glumes completely glabrous.
Oplismenus burmannii (Retz.) P.Beauv. - LH(7b, 14); HH(9, 10); M14.
Panicum trichoides Sw. - LH(7b, 8a); HH9.
Panicum atrosanguineum Hochst. ex A.Rich. - CP(2c, 6b); LH8a; sW6a.
Pennisetum divisum (J.F.Gmel.) Henrard - CP20; HH11; nW(2, 25b).
Pennisetum setaceum (Forssk.) Chiov. - HH11.
Phragmites australis (Cav.) Trin. ex Steud. subsp. *australis* - nW(6a, 6d).
Phragmites karka (Retz.) Trin. ex Steud. - CP20; nW25b; Wa(2, 6) - First record from Oman.
Poa bulbosa L. var. *vivipara* Koeler - HH4c - First record from Oman.
Rottboellia cochinchinensis (Lour.) Clayton - HH9.
Setaria intermedia Roem. & Schult. - LH7b; HH(5a, 9, 10).
Setaria pumila (Poir.) Roem. & Schult. - CP6b; LH(8a, 10); HH(5a, 5b, 9); M14.
Setaria verticillata (L.) P.Beauv. - HH(9, 10); nW(17, 18d, 18e).
Setaria viridis (L.) P.Beauv. - CP(6a, 6b); HH5a; nW(14d, 18a, 18c).
Setaria cf. italica (L.) P.Beauv. - CP6b - Incomplete specimen.
Sorghum deccanense Stapf ex Raizada - HH9.
Sporobolus consimilis Fresen. - Wa6.
Sporobolus ioclados (Nees ex Trin.) Nees - CP(2b, 5a, 8a, 10a, 12); sW(11, 13a).
Sporobolus minimus Cope - sW(12a, 13b).
Sporobolus spicatus (Vahl) Kunth - sW13a; nW25b; Wa2.
Sporobolus virginicus (L.) Kunth - L(2c, 3a, 3b); CP(4a, 5a, 8a, 12); sW13a.
Stipagrostis hirtigluma (Steud. ex Trin. & Rupr.) De Winter - HH11; sW1d.
Stipagrostis plumosa (L.) Munro ex T.Anderson - sW9; nW14d.
Stipagrostis sokotrana (Vierh.) De Winter - nW(14d, 14e).
Stipagrostis sp. - nW14d - Incomplete specimen.
Tetrapogon tenellus (J.König ex Roxb.) Chiov. - CP(6a, 6b); LH2.
Tetrapogon villosus Desf. - sW(6f, 8).
Themeda quadrivalvis (L.) Kuntze - CP6b; HH(2, 5a, 9).
Tragus berteronianus Schult. - CP4b.
Tricholaena teneriffae (L. f.) Link - CP8a.
Urochloa panicoides P.Beauv. - LH8a; HH9; sW12a; nW18c.
Urochondra setulosa (Trin.) C.E.Hubb. - L(2a, 2c, 3b); CP(2b, 4a, 5a, 10a); sW(13b, 13d).
POTAMOGETONACEAE
Potamogeton nodosus Poir. - LH9; sW12a.
TYPHACEAE
Typha domingensis Pers. - nW25b; Wa6 - Syn.: *T. angustata* Bory & Chaub.

Analysis of the flora

The amount of Families, Genera and Species of the present floristic contribution is reported below:

	<u>Families</u>	<u>Genera</u>	<u>Species</u>
Pteridophyta	5	6	7
Gymnospermae	1	1	1
Dicotyledones	63	256	476
Monocotyledones	14	66	122
Total	83	323	606

The collected species correspond about to 69% of the floristic richness of Dhofar (Ghazanfar, 2003). The twelve families with the highest number of species are: Poaceae (85 taxa), Fabaceae (45), Asteraceae (44), Euphorbiaceae (27), Apocynaceae incl. Asclepiadaceae (25), Acanthaceae (24), Boraginaceae (23), Malvaceae (20), Capparaceae (17), Convolvulaceae (17), Scrophulariaceae (17) and Zygophyllaceae (16).

The floristic list includes taxa found for the first time in Oman (17 taxa) or Dhofar (13 taxa) and 6 species new to science published in previous works: *Desmidorchis tardellii*, *Trichodesma cinereum*, *Nanorrhinum roseiflorum*, *Polygala moggii*, *Orbea nardii* and *Barleria almughsaylensis* (see references cited in the floristic list).

First records from Oman are: *Barleria parviflora*, *Blumea axillaris*, *Echinochloa pyramidalis*, *Euphorbia granulata* var. *granulata*, *Heliotropium steudneri*, *Hildebrandtia somalensis*, *Iphiona teretifolia*, *Nymphaea nouchali* var. *coerulea*, *Phragmites karka*, *Phoenix caespitosa*, *Poa bulbosa* var. *vivipara*, *Pulicaria gamaledinae*, *Salvadora persica* var. *angustifolia* and var. *cyclophylla*, *Thespesia populnea*, *Tridax procumbens*, *Vernonia cinerascens*.

First records from Dhofar are: *Amaranthus dubius*, *Ceratophyllum submersum*, *Cleome austroarabica* subsp. *muscatensis*, *Cleome scaposa*, *Cyperus bulbosus*, *Echinops spinosissimus*, *Euphorbia serpens*, *Hibiscus micranthus*, *Parietaria alsinifolia*, *Pycnocycla aucheriana*, *Salvia macilenta*, *Senna sophora*, *Tephrosia pentaphylla*.

From the floristic point of view, the south slopes of the coastal mountains, influenced by the SW monsoon, are the most interesting environments in Centre-south Dhofar. Plant richness and endemic taxa are concentrated in this area. The local endemisms (endemisms of Dhofar) are represented by 14 taxa, while the regional endemisms (distributed in Oman/

Dhofar and Yemen) are 35 taxa; in all the percentage of endemisms is about 8,1% of the collected flora.

Local endemics (Dhofar) - 2,3% of the total flora

Aerva arthemisioides subsp. *batharitica*
Aloe dhofarensis
Aloe praetermissa -
Barleria almughsaylensis
Desmidorchis tardellii
Dyschoriste dalyi
Echidnopsis scutellata subsp. *dhofarensis*
Kleinia saginata
Lavandula dhofarensis subsp. *ayunensis*
Nanorrhinum roseiflorum
Orbea nardii
Polygala moggii
Portulaca dhofarica
Trichodesma cinereum

Regional endemics (Oman/Dhofar & Yemen) - 5,8% of the total flora

Anogeissus dhofarica - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Becium dhofarense - Dhofar, SE Yemen (Mahrah region)
Bentia fruticulosa - Dhofar, Yemen (Hadramaut)
Blepharis dhofarensis - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Blepharispermum hirtum - Dhofar, SE Yemen (Mahrah region)
Cleome albescens subsp. *omanensis* - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Desmidorchis adenensis - Oman, Yemen
Desmidorchis flavus - Oman, Yemen
Dhofaria macleishii - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Euphorbia dhofarensis - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Euphorbia orbiculifolia - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Euphorbia smithii - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Exacum arabicum - Dhofar, S Yemen
Fagonia mahrana - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Farsetia dhofarica - Oman, S Yemen

Gymnocarpus dhofarensis - Dhofar, S Yemen
Herniaria maskatensis - Oman, S Yemen
Iphiona teretifolia - Dhofar, Yemen
Jatropha dhofarica - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Lavandula dhofarensis subsp. *dhofarensis* - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Leucas dhofarensis - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Maytenus dhofarensis - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Nanorrhops ritchieana - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Ochradenus gifrii - Dhofar, SE Yemen
Orbea luntii - Dhofar & SE Yemen
Ormocarpum dhofarensis - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Pentatropis bentii - Dhofar, Yemen
Polygala dhofarica - Dhofar, Yemen
Pulicaria gamal-eldinae - Dhofar, S Yemen
Pulicaria omanensis subsp. *omanensis* - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)
Rhytidocaulon fulleri - Oman, Yemen
Scheiwenfurthia latifolia - Dhofar, S Yemen (Hadramaut)
Scheiwenfurthia spinosa - Dhofar, S Yemen (Hadramaut)
Ziziphus leucodermis - Dhofar, S Yemen
Whitania qaraitica - Dhofar, Yemen (Mahrah region)

From the phytogeographical point of view, most of the plants found in Centre-south Dhofar belong to the Somalia-Masai regional centre of endemism, i.e. to the phytogeographical region (the Somalia-

Masai) that from East Africa spreads north-eastwards to embrace the whole south Dhofar including the coastal plain, the monsoon affected south mountain sides and also the drier mountain slopes facing north (see also Ghazanfar, 1992b, 2003). Only a few species come from the pre-desert and desert environments, which expand north of the coastal mountains. Here the soil is scattered with stones and pebbles and is cut by many wadis draining north towards the Saudi Arabian border. Those species belong to the Saharo-Sindian phytochorion which includes the Arabian-regional subzone that embraces the Centre-north Dhofar and Centre Oman. Here the soil is very dry, only a few species are present and the vegetation is poor and formed by xerophytes and psammophytes. Among the plants sampled in this area there are *Centaurea pseudo-sinica*, *Lasiurus scindicus*, *Rhazia stricta*, *Suaeda aegyptiaca*, *Fagonia* sp.pl., *Polyacarpa repens*, *Stipagrostis* sp.pl., *Tamarix* sp.pl.

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Summary: From 2000 to 2009 we carried out 10 scientific missions to Central-Southern Dhofar with the aim of collecting plants. We explored several habitats, such as littorals and seashores, coastal plains and many wadis ending in the Arabian sea (from Rackhyt, Al Mughsayl, Salalah, Khor Rori, Mirbat, Hadbin up to Hasik). We paid particular attention to the floristic exploration of the monsoon slopes of the coastal mountains (with special reference to Jabal Qara) where plant richness and endemic taxa are mostly concentrated. Plants were also collected on the upper part of Jabal Samhan, the highest mountain of Dhofar, in the pre-desertic area of Wadi Andur, beyond Jabal Samhan and in several areas where, nowadays, large groups of *Boswellia sacra*, the frankincense tree, grow, i.e. Al Mughsayl, Adownib, Aluf, Uyun, Wadi Dowkah and Hasik. Sporadic explorations were carried out on the vast pre-desertic area that, from Thumrayt, spreads northward to the Saudi Arabia border, from Muddy, Al Mathafah, Ginan Bin Nawatish to Shisr (the ancient Ubar), Sayh al Kharyat and Dawkah.

The number of explored sites (233) was large enough to have exhaustive information on the local distribution of the species. The collected taxa are 606; 17 of them are first records from Oman, 13 are first record from Dhofar. As regards endemics, 14 taxa are endemic to Dhofar, while 35 are regional endemics, distributed in Oman/Dhofar & Yemen; most of these are concentrated on the monsoon slopes of the coastal mountains.

